



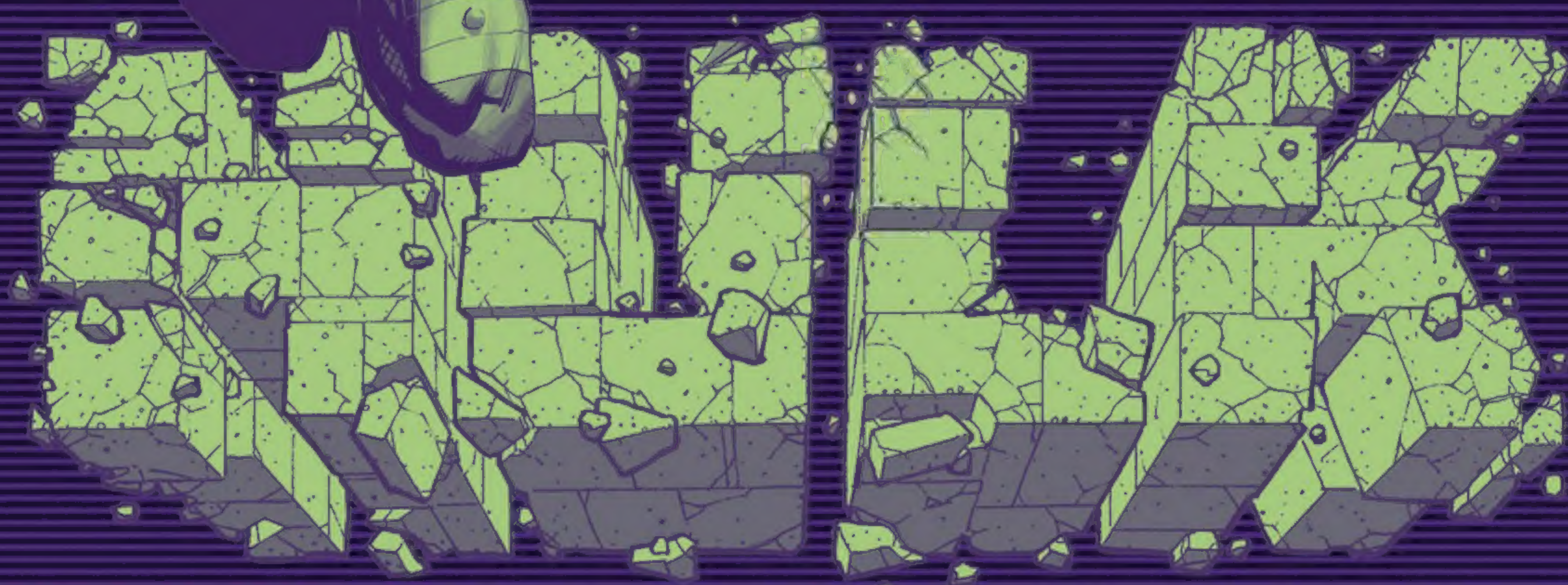
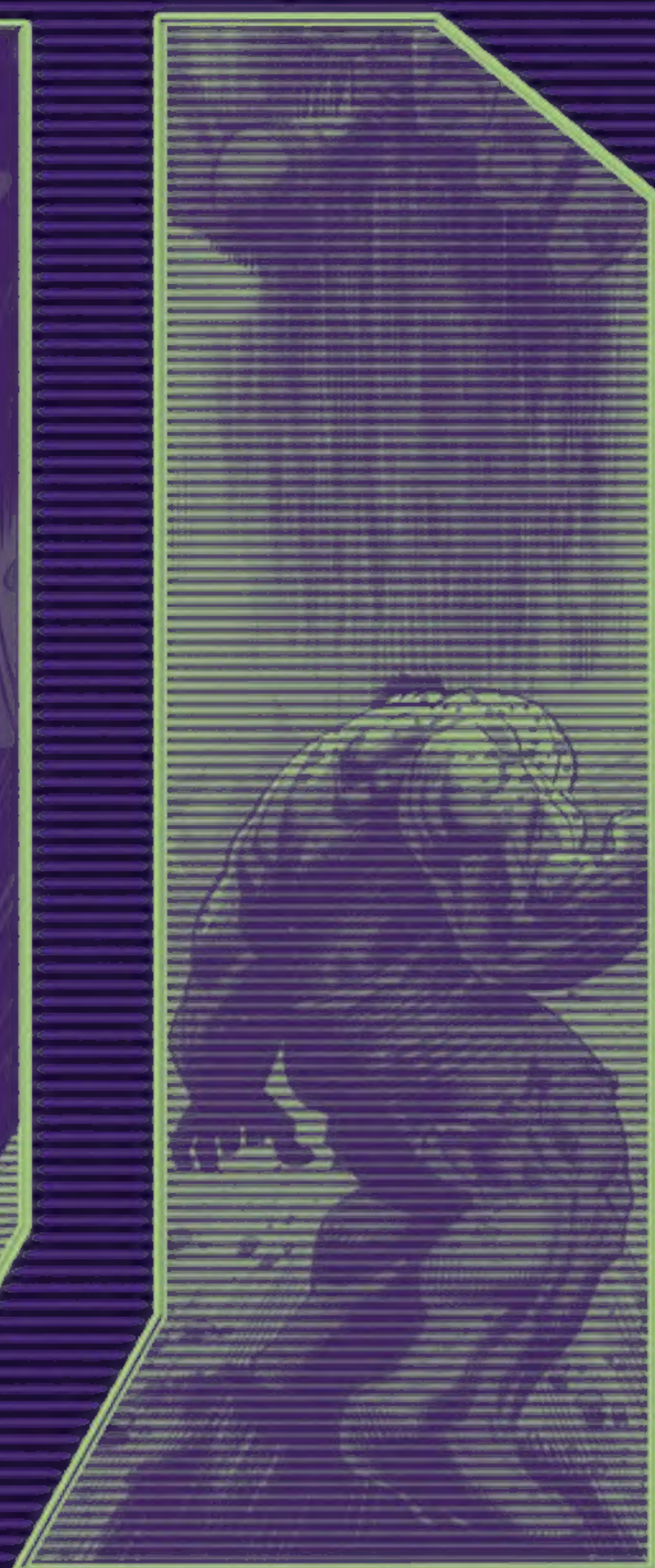
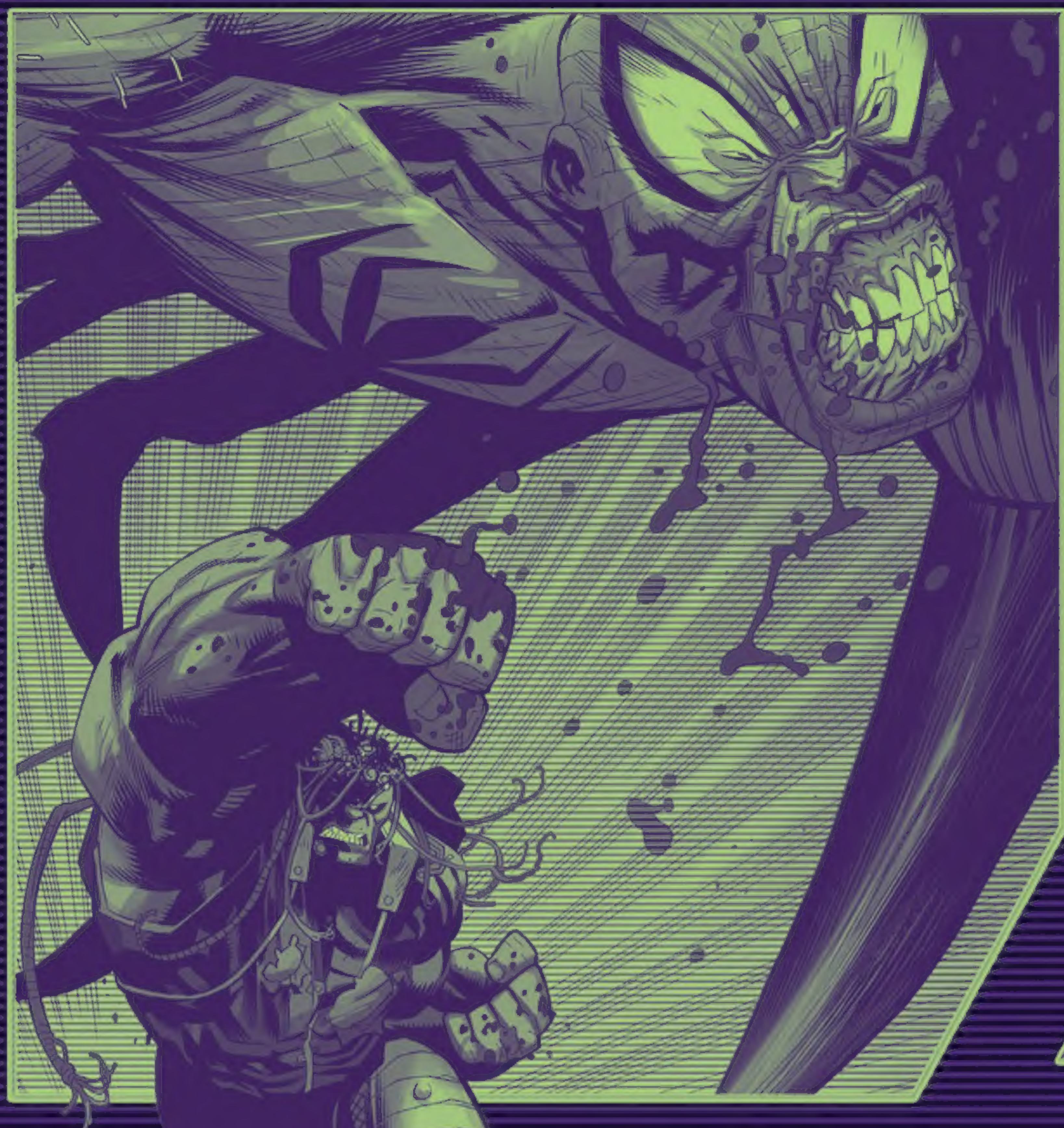
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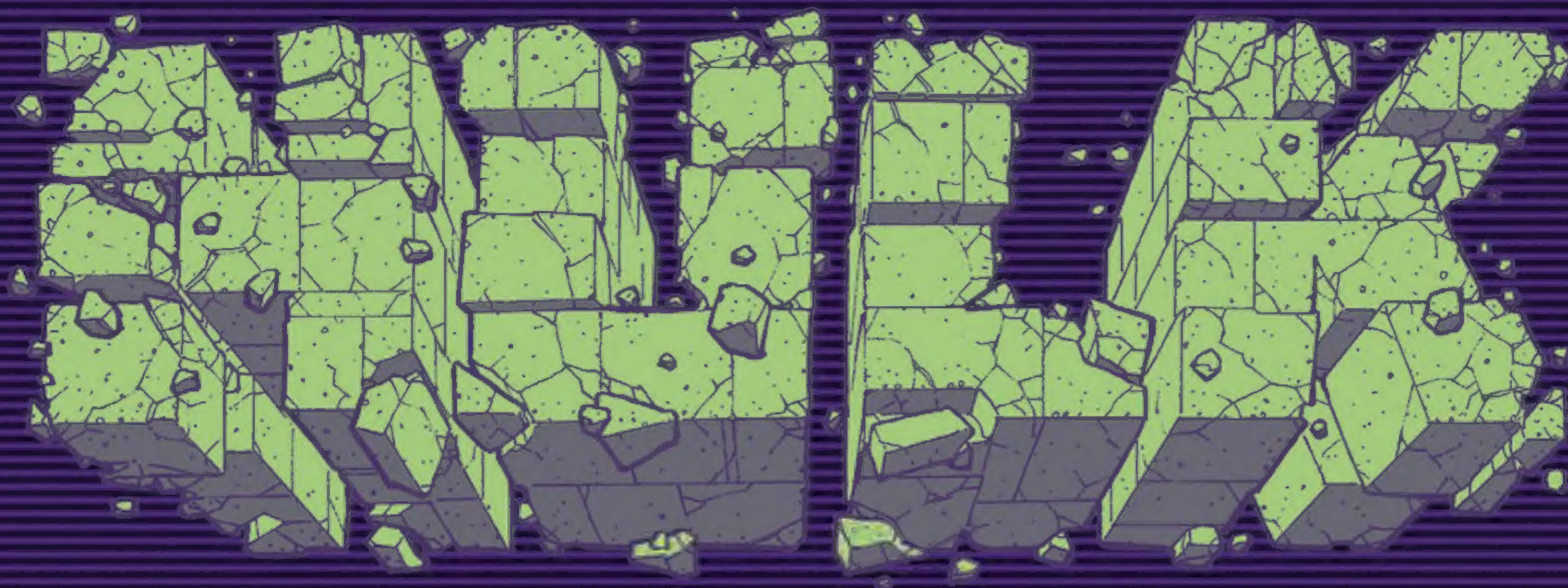


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MY LOYAL
A.I.M. MINIONS!
OUR TIME HAS
COME!

NONE OF THIS
MATTERS.

WE
THE
STARS TO CONQUER
THIS A

BASICALLY, M.O.D.O.K.
HERE IS ATTEMPTING TO
TAKE A.I.M. INTO SPACE
TO COLONIZE THE MOON
OR WHATEVER.

TOGETHER
WILL
MOON!
THE
HAVE M
WI

I HACKED THE AVENGERS'
DATABASE AND FOUND OUT
THEY'VE BEEN STAKING OUT
THE OPERATION FOR DAYS,
GATHERING INTEL.

ER,
S WILL
SHINE
THAN

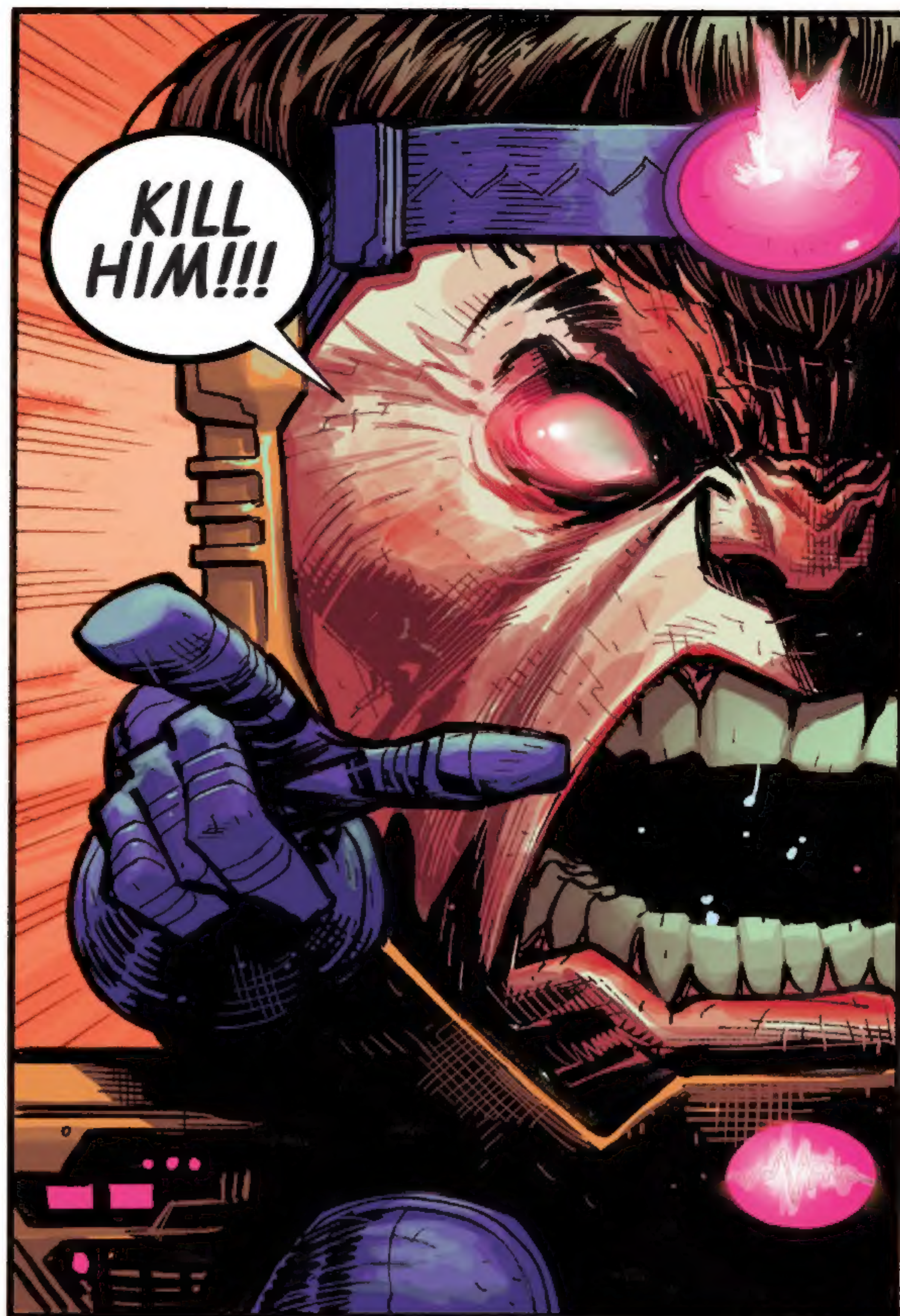
THEY HAD A WHOLE PLAN
LAID OUT. A SIMULTANEOUS
ATTACK FROM THE
AIR AND BY LAND.

ME...?



I TOOK
THE TRAIN.





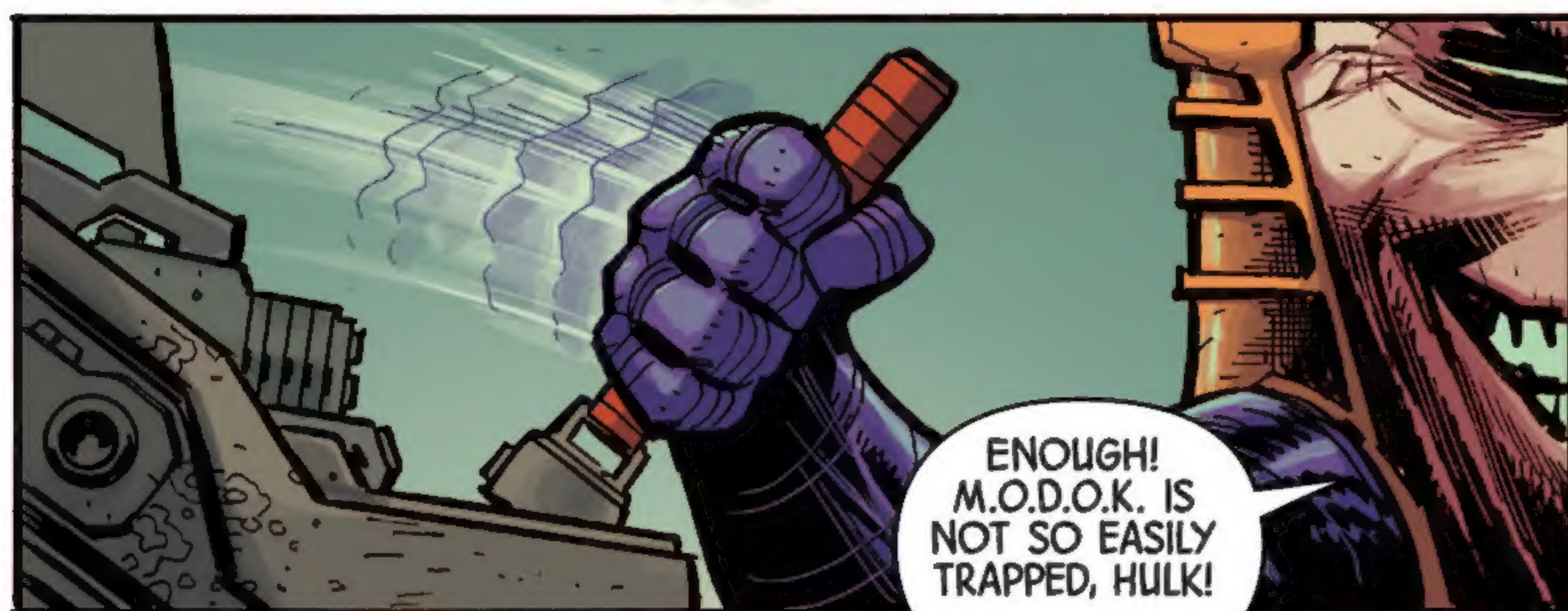


I'M NOT
EVEN HERE TO
STOP YOU.

I DON'T CARE
ABOUT WHATEVER THIS
IS. YOU WANT TO GO TO
SPACE? FINE. NOT MY
PROBLEM, AND HONESTLY,
IT'S PROBABLY FOR
THE BETTER.

THE AVENGERS
HATE ME TOO, OKAY?
I'M NOT EXACTLY
ANYONE'S FAVORITE
RIGHT NOW.

I'M JUST
LOOKING FOR
SOME *GEAR*.
I'M TRYING
TO--



ENOUGH!
M.O.D.O.K. IS
NOT SO EASILY
TRAPPED, HULK!



BEHOLD:
PROJECT
G.O.D.O.S.!!*

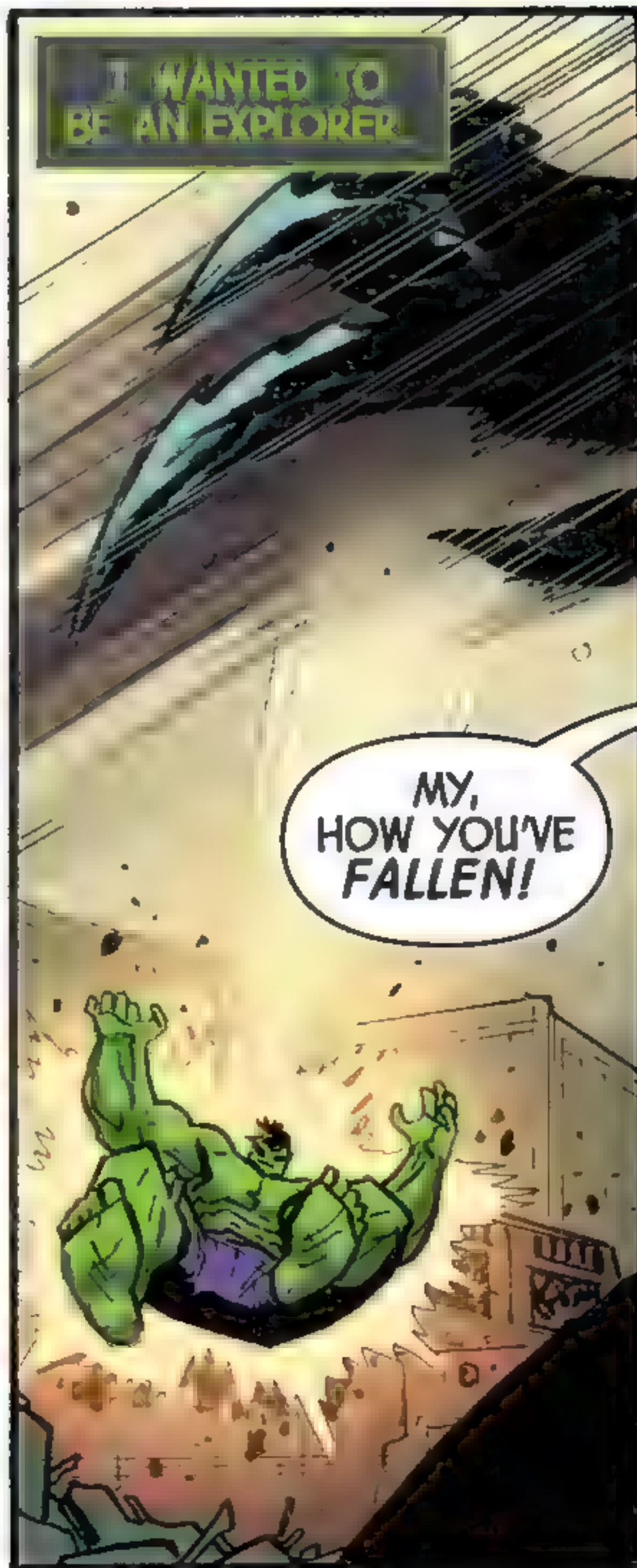
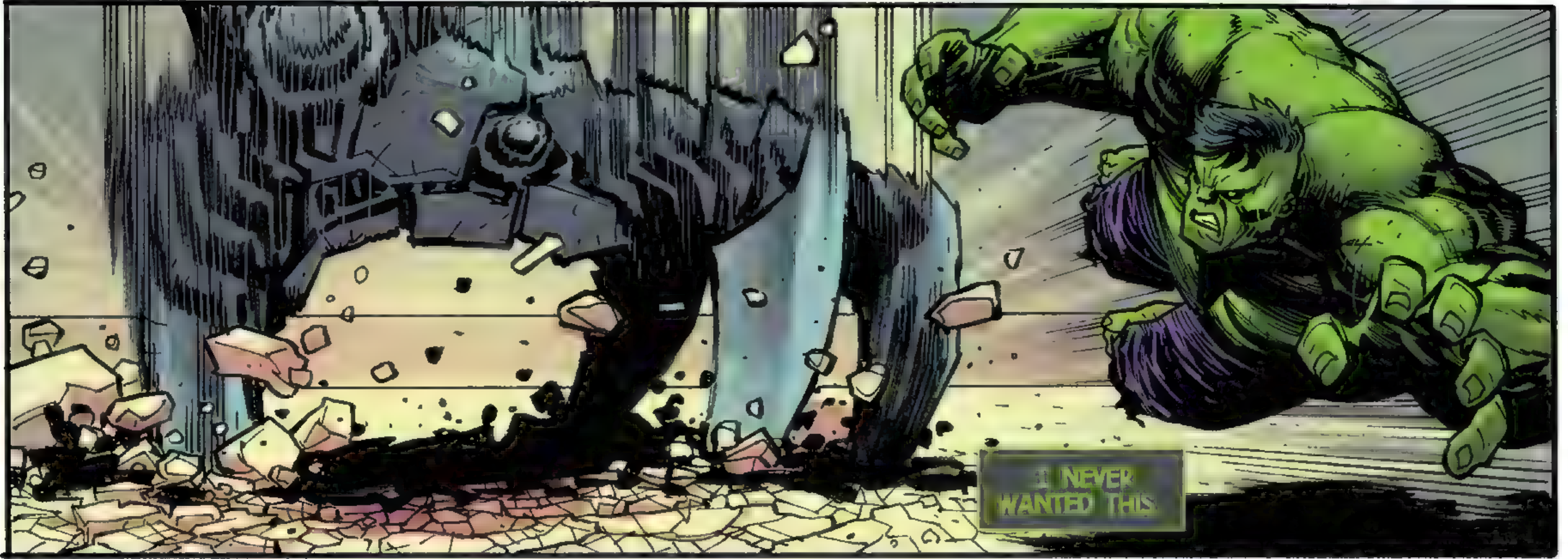


UGH...

PROJECT
WHAT?

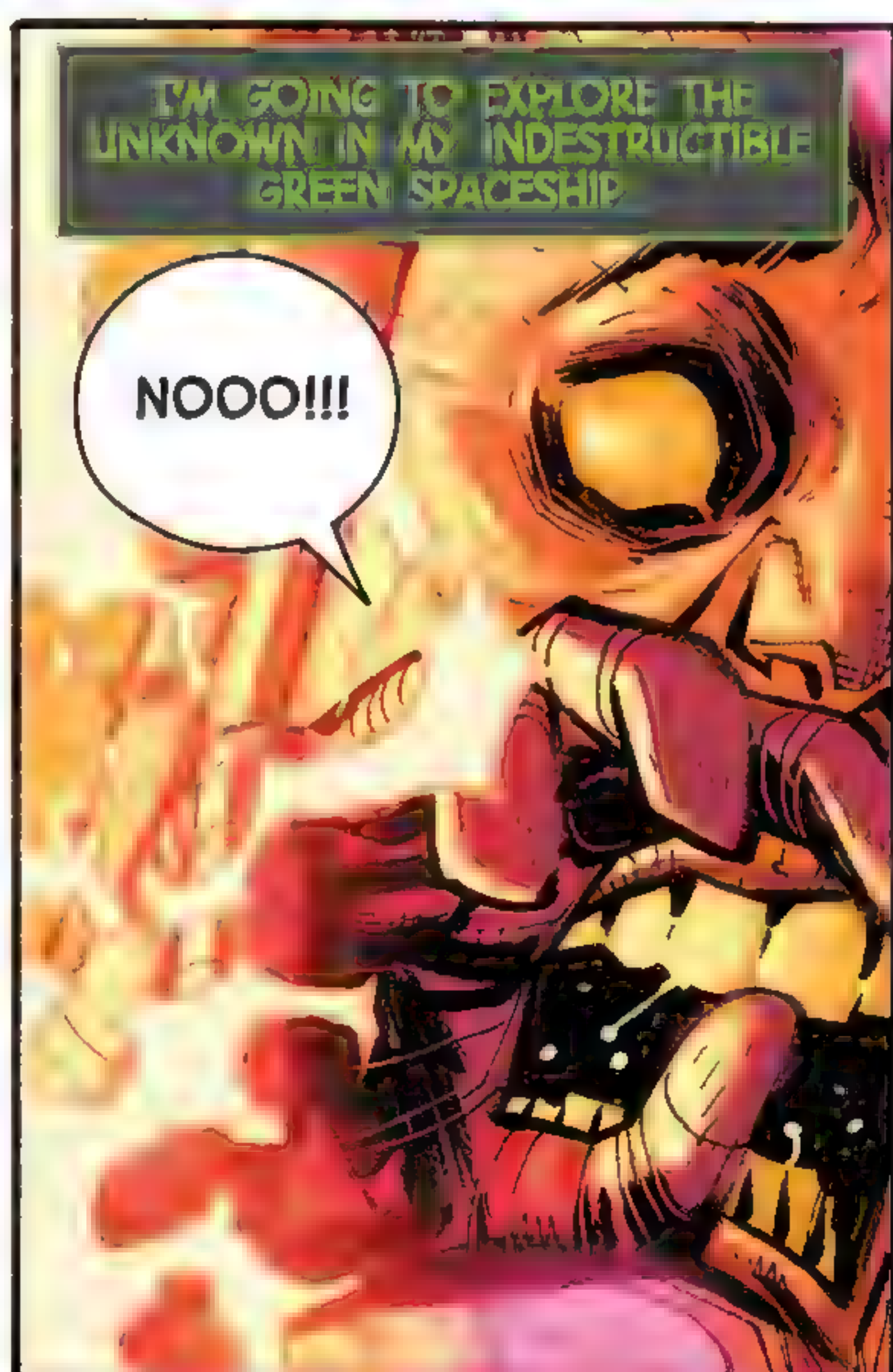
*GIANT ORGANISM
DESIGNED ONLY
FOR SMASHING.





BUT INSTEAD
I JUST BUILT
BOMBS







NEXT:

**OPERATION:
SMASHTRONAUT**



HULK #1 VARIANT BY PEACH MOMOKO



HULK #1

"I HAVE LONG
HELD A THEORY
ABOUT THE HULK.

BOOM

"I HAVE NEVER
SHARED IT BEFORE
NOW BECAUSE,
WELL FRANKLY, IT
TERRIFIES ME TO
MY VERY CORE.

BOOM

BOOOOM

RAGHHH!!!

"WE HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT
OF THE HULK AS THE
MANIFESTATION OF DOCTOR
BANNER'S TRAUMA THAT
HE EXPERIENCED AS A CHILD.

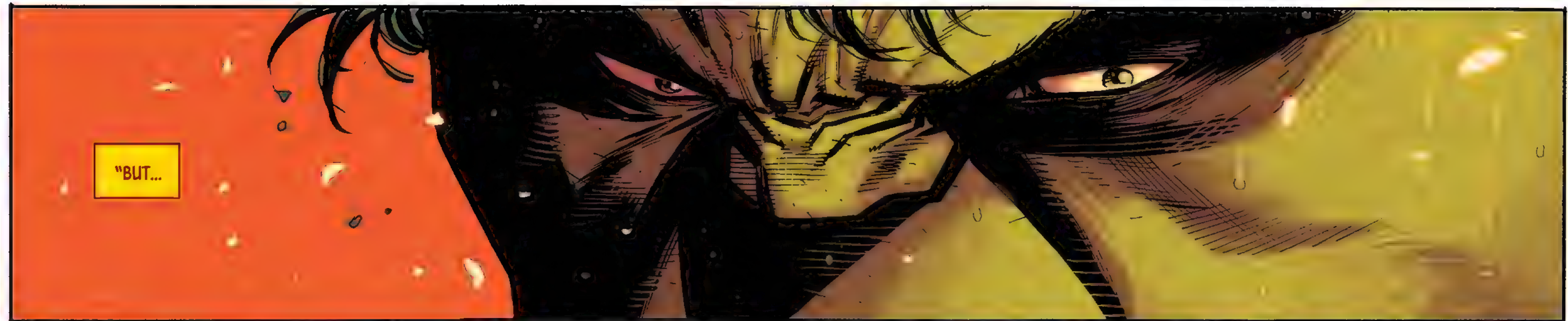
"OR PERHAPS
HIS ID.

"HIS
SHADOW.

"HIS
FURY.



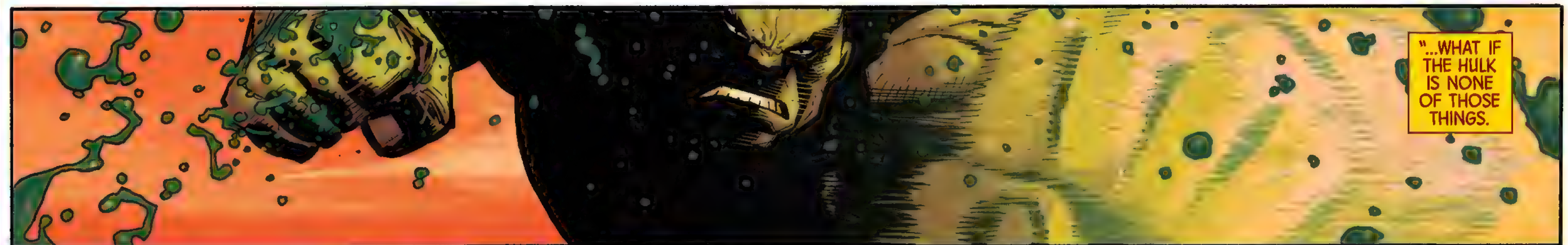
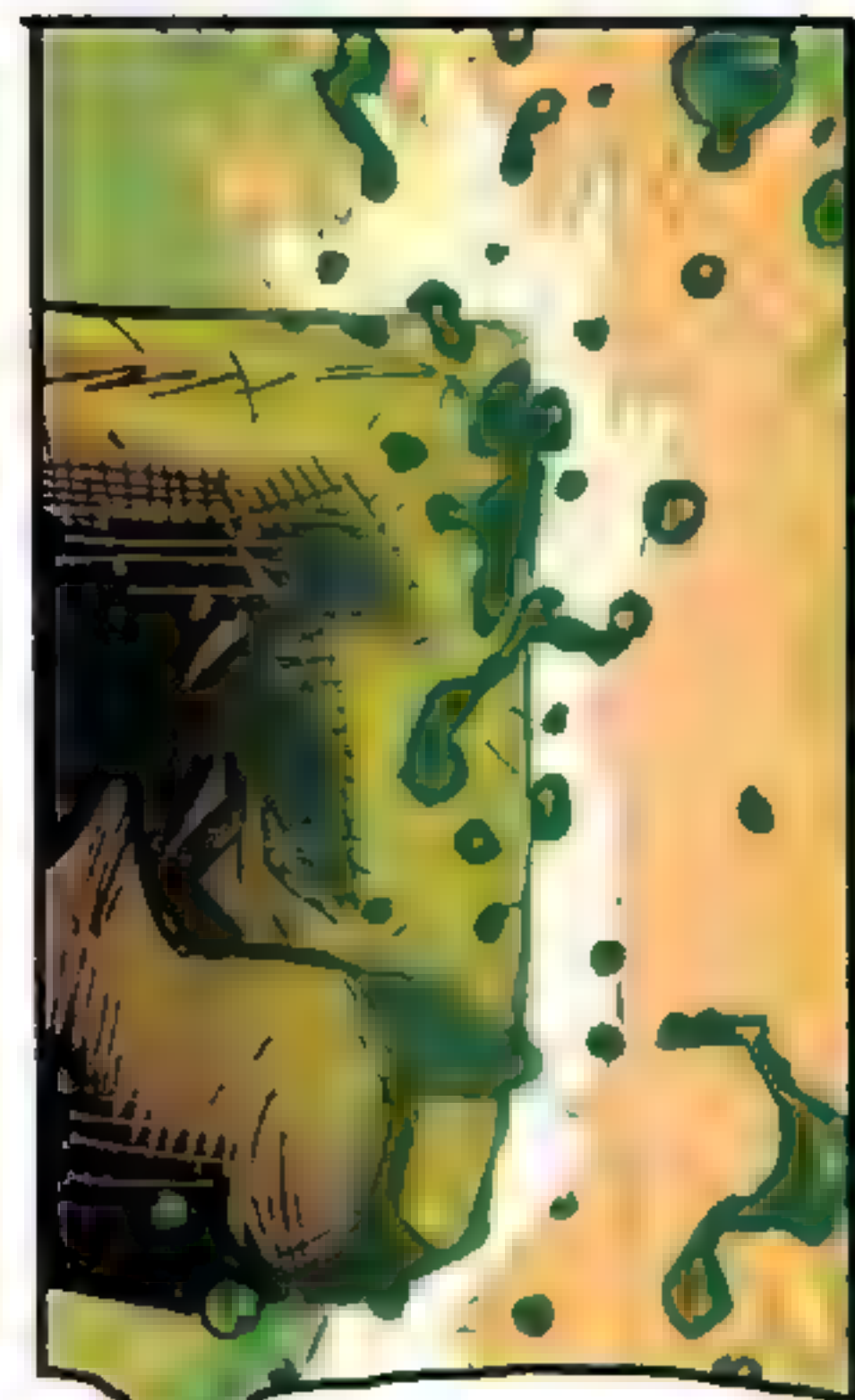
"HIS RAGE.



"BUT...



"...WHAT IF...

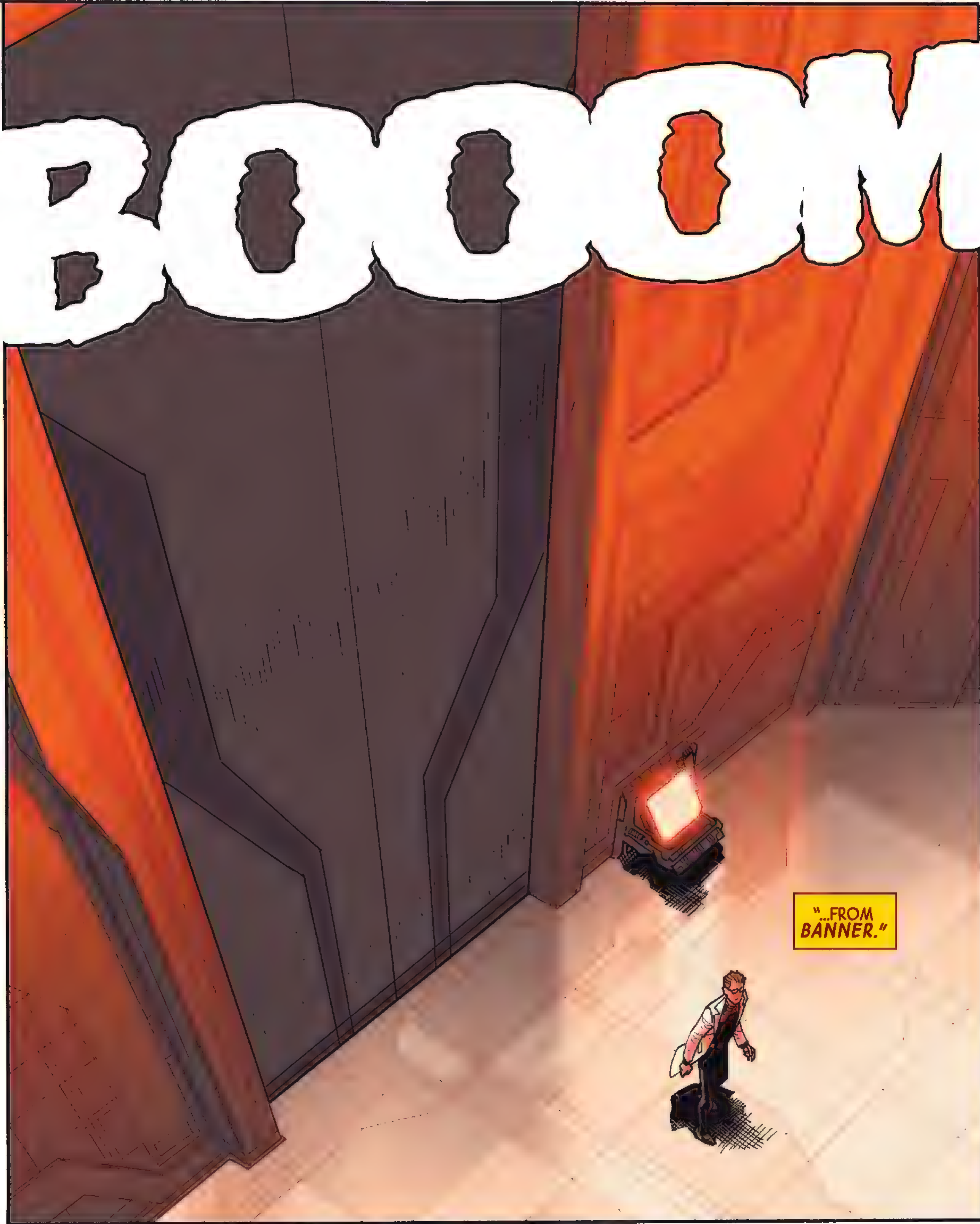


"...WHAT IF THE HULK IS NONE OF THOSE THINGS.

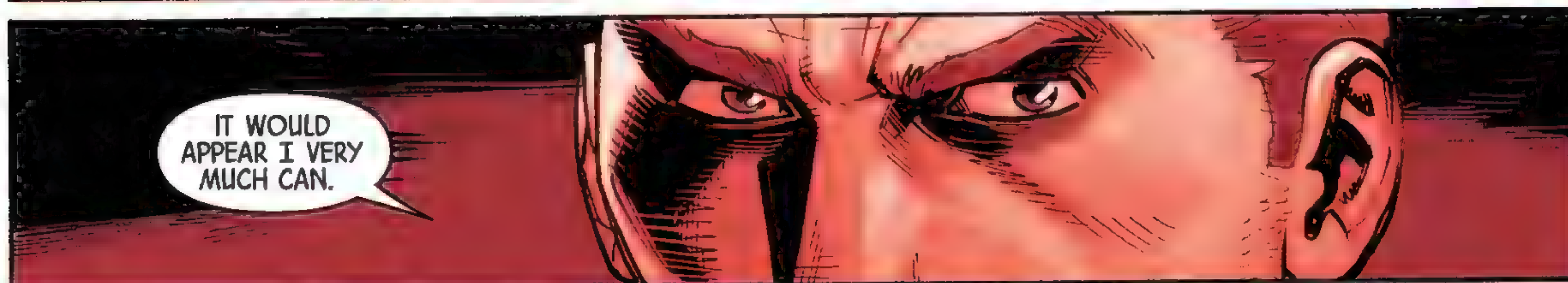
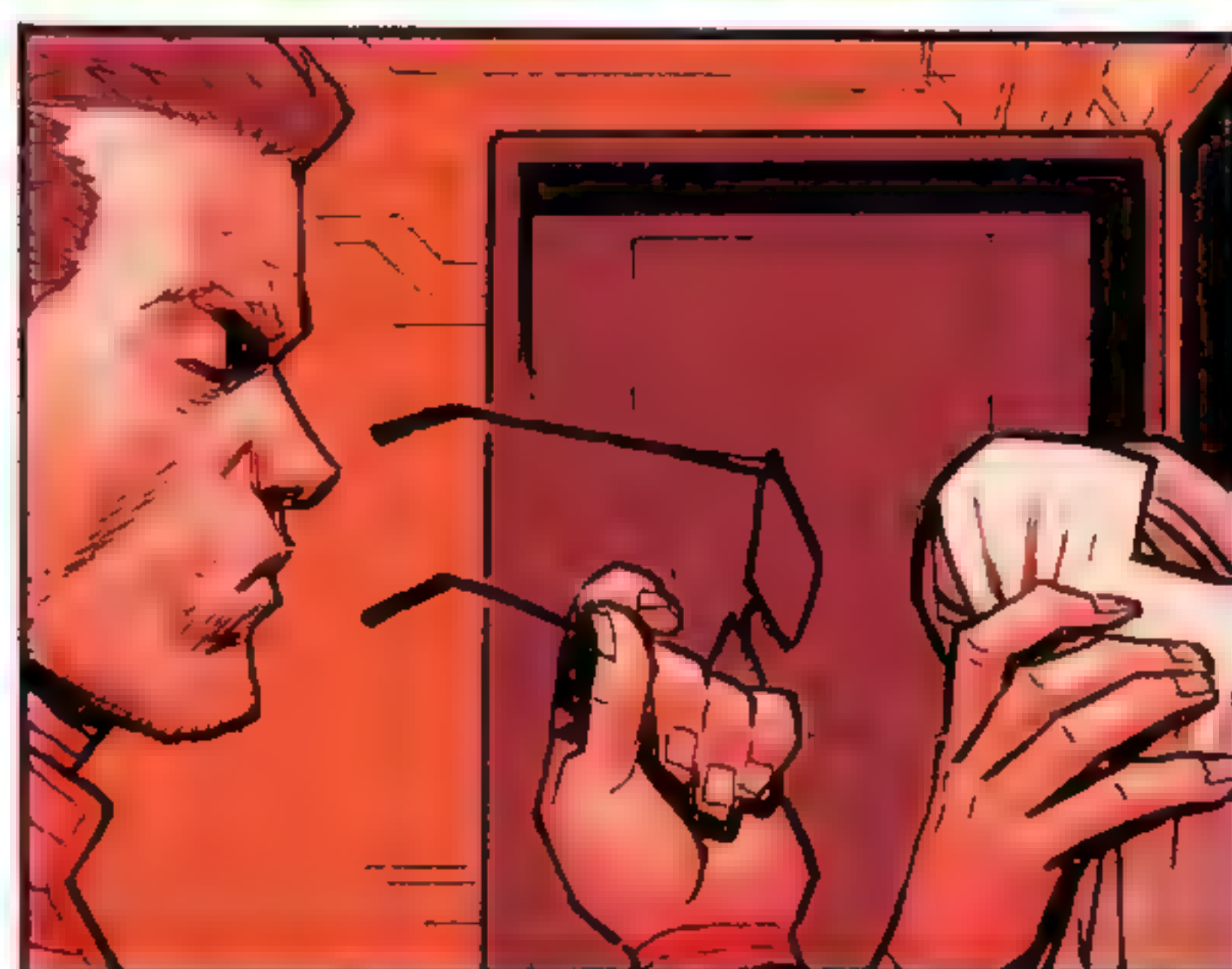
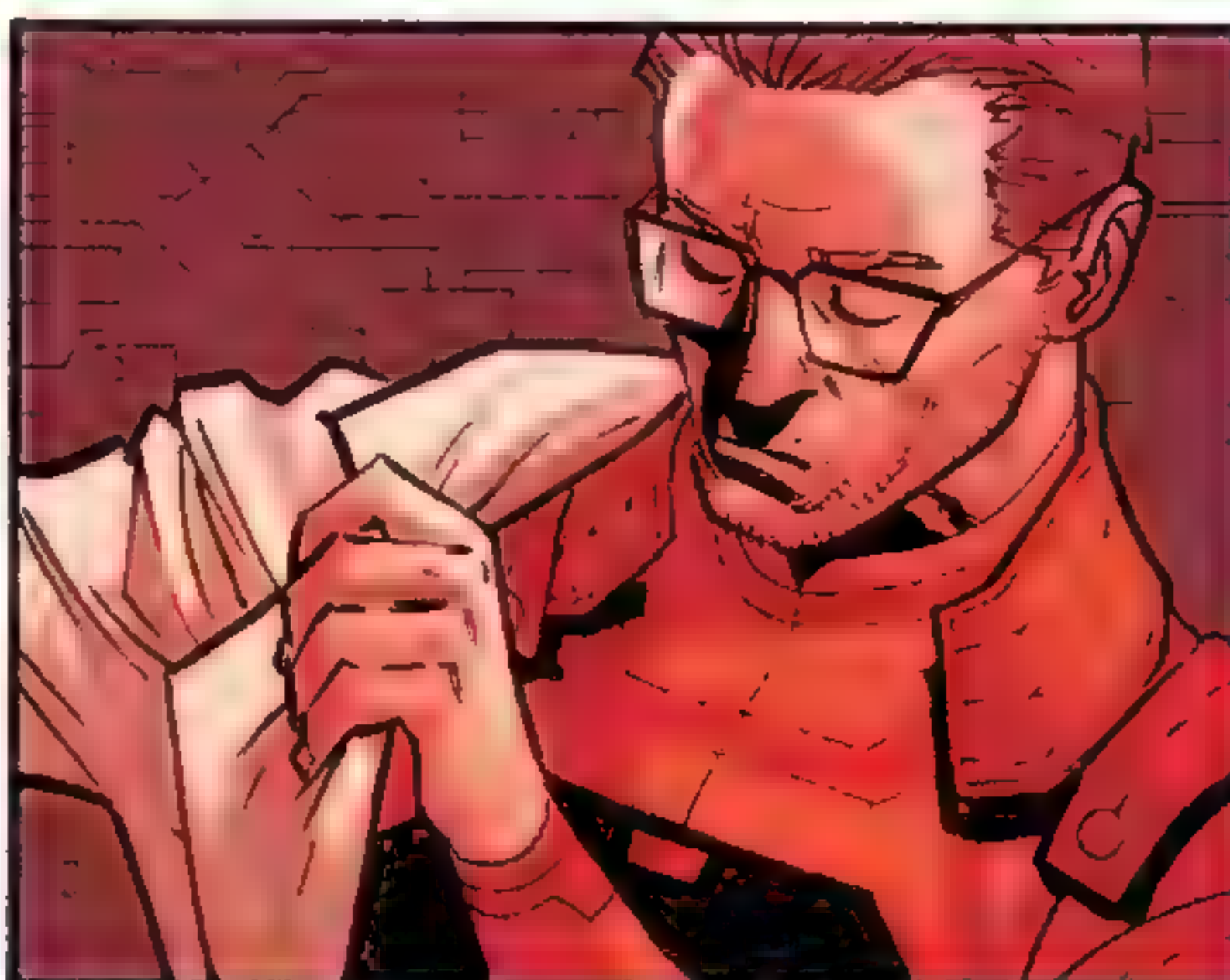


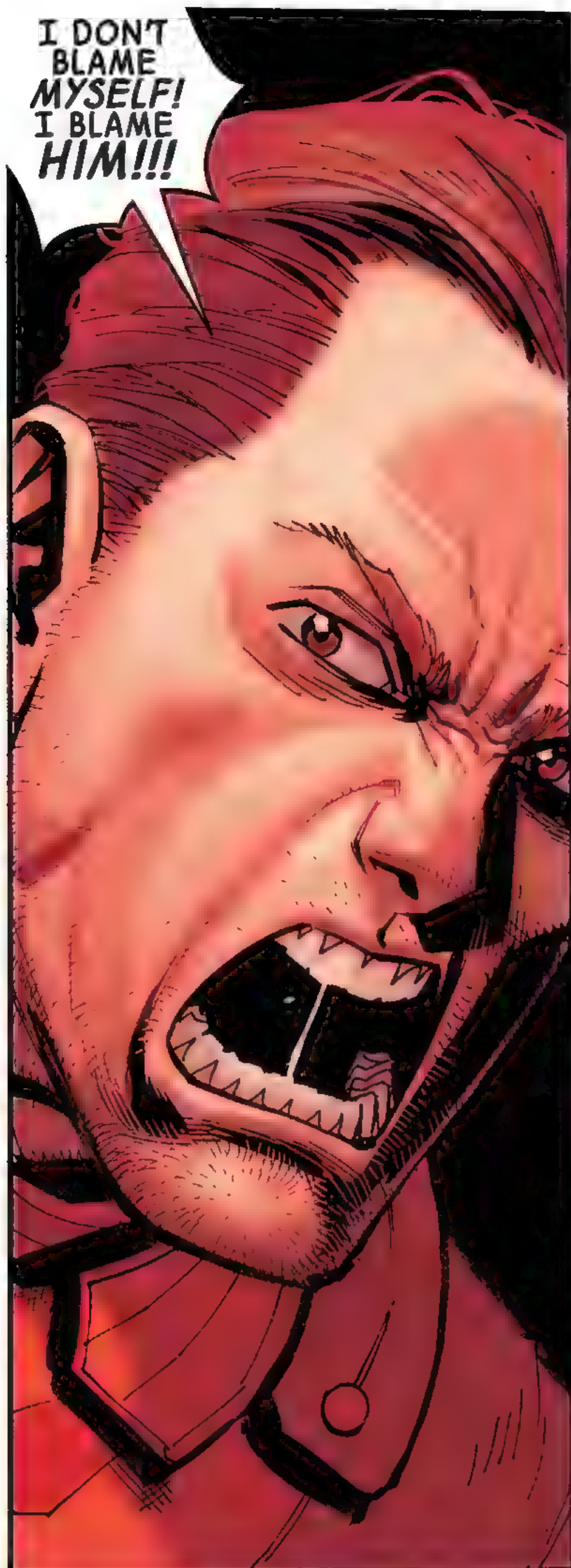
"WHAT IF HE EXISTS...

"...TO PROTECT US...



"...FROM
BANNER."





I DON'T
BLAME
MYSELF!
I BLAME
HIM!!!



BRUCE...PLEASE...
YOU'RE SCARING ME.
YOU...YOU DON'T SOUND
LIKE YOURSELF. JUST
PLEASE---

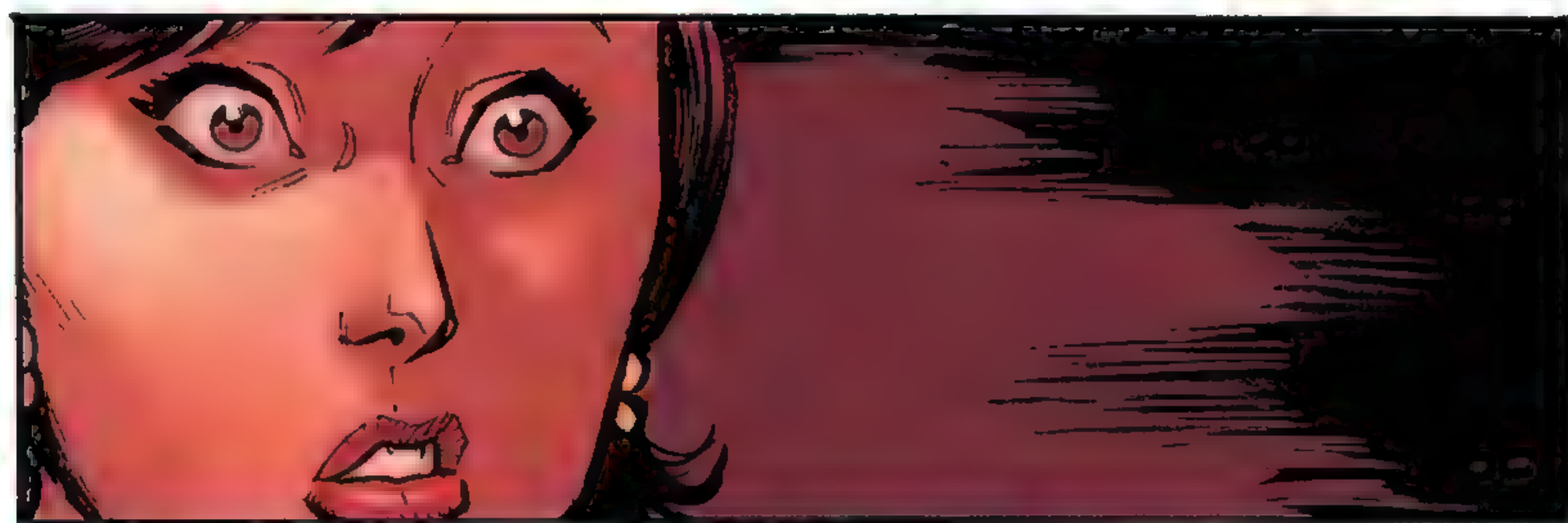
HOW
WOULD YOU
KNOW WHAT I
SOUND LIKE?
HUH?

HOW
WOULD
ANYONE?!



I'M ONLY USEFUL
TO ANY OF YOU
WHEN I'M NOT
HERE.

AND I
HAVE HAD
ENOUGH!!!

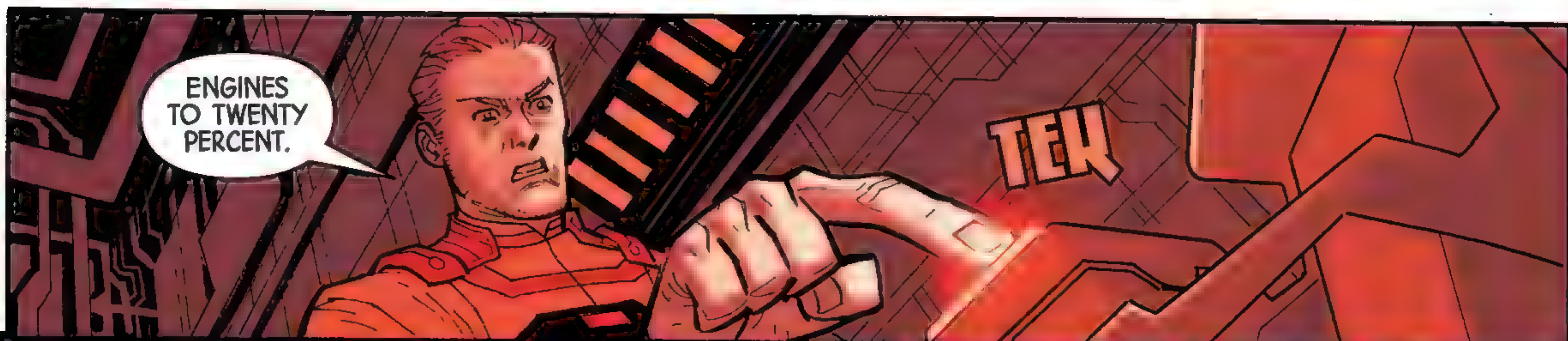


I NEVER
WANTED
THIS.

I NEVER
WANTED TO BE
A SUPER HERO OR
A DEFENDER OR AN
AVENGER OR A
MONSTER.

I WANTED
TO DISCOVER
THINGS. TO INVENT
THINGS. I WANTED TO
PUSH THE BOUNDARIES
OF WHAT'S POSSIBLE.
I WANTED TO BE
A MAN OF
SCIENCE...

BUT
THEN...



ENGINES
TO TWENTY
PERCENT.

TEK



RAGHHH!!!

BOOM



THEN THIS
TUMOR STARTED
TO GROW INSIDE
OF ME. THIS
SICKNESS.

AND I
WAS A FOOL
TO THINK IT
WOULD STOP
GROWING.

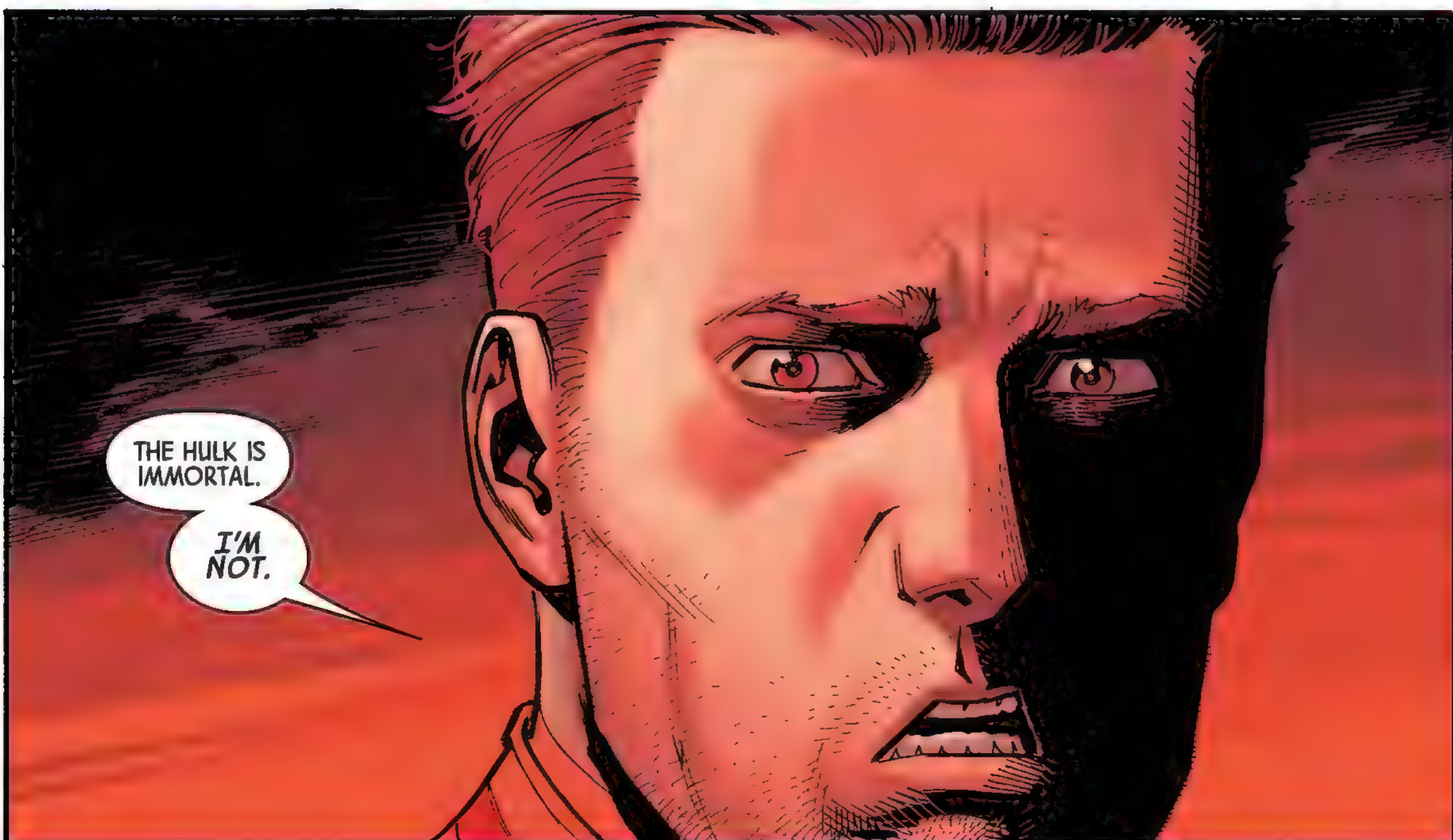
YOU SAW
WHAT HAPPENED
IN EL PASO.

IT'S...IT'S
GETTING WORSE.
AND...ONE OF THESE
DAYS...HE'S GOING
TO COME OUT...



...AND I'M
NEVER GOING
TO WAKE UP
AGAIN.

DON'T YOU
GET IT, BETTY?



THE HULK IS
IMMORTAL.

I'M
NOT.

BUT UNTIL THEN, IT'S MY
TURN TO PUSH THE
BOUNDARIES.

BRUCE, STOP!
THIS ISN'T GOING
TO WORK! HE'S GOING
TO GET OUT AND
YOU KNOW IT.

THIS IS
GOING TO
BLOW UP IN
YOUR FACE!

HEH...
WELL, YOU
WERE THERE...

BOOOOM

BANNER!!!

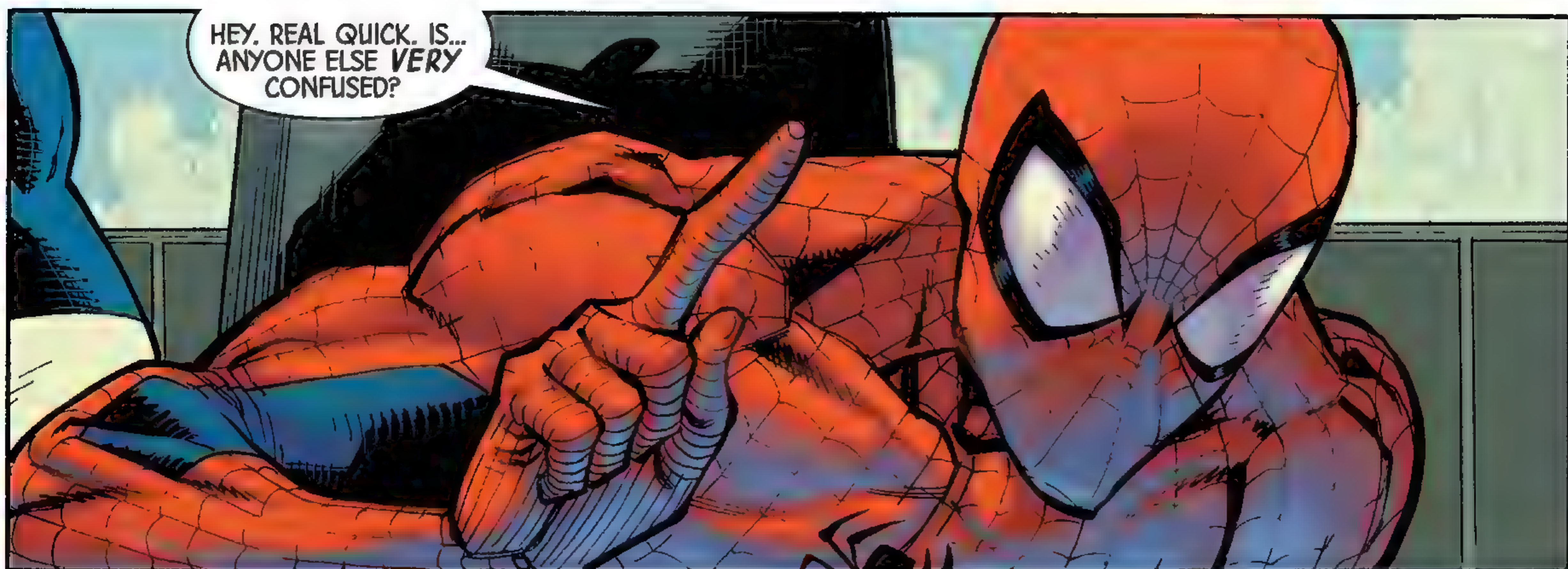
THINGS
BLOWING UP
IN MY FACE IS
HOW I GOT
HERE.

IT
MIGHT
AS WELL BE
HOW IT
ENDS.

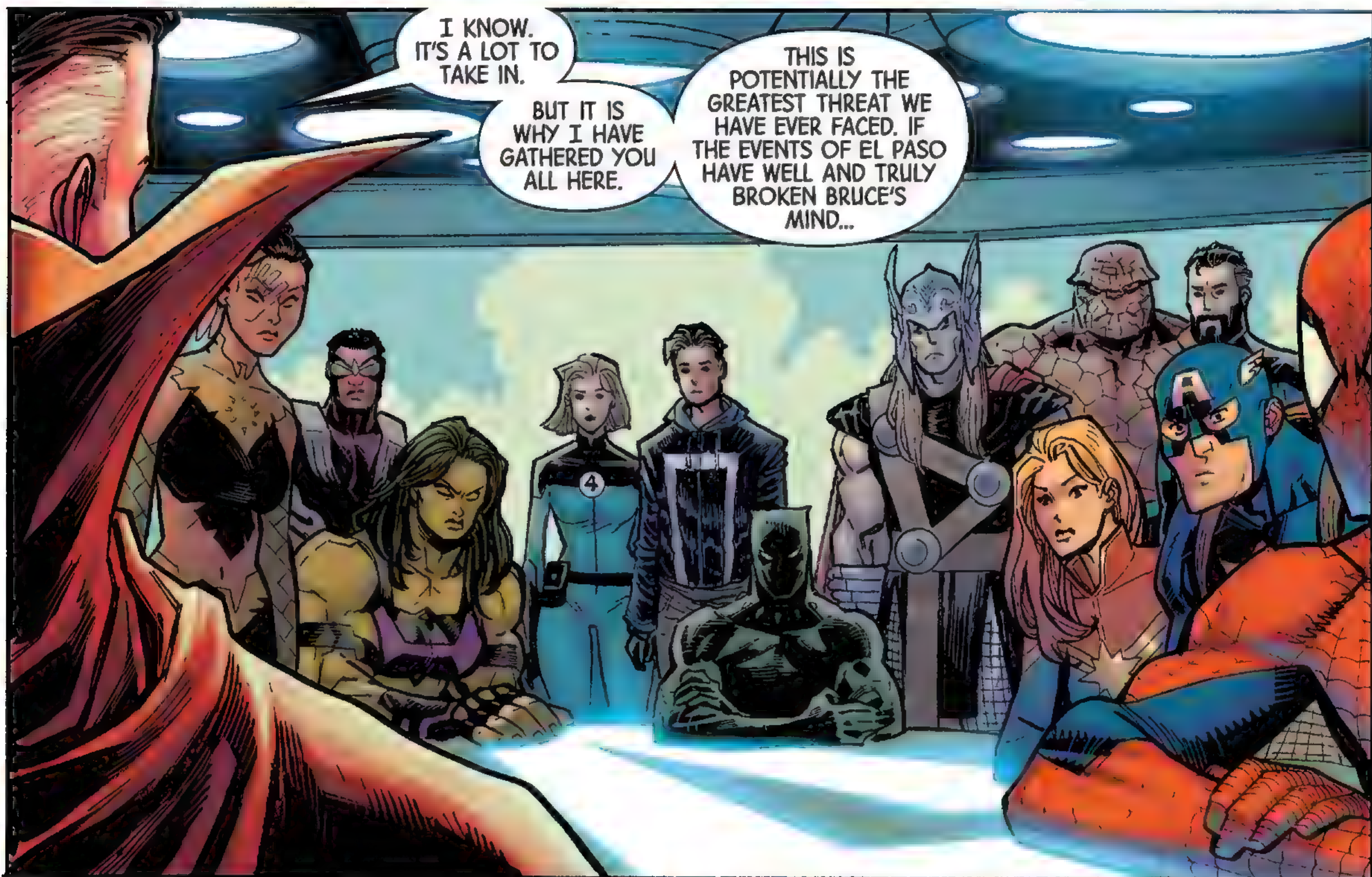
NOW GET
OUT OF MY
HEAD.

BOOOOM





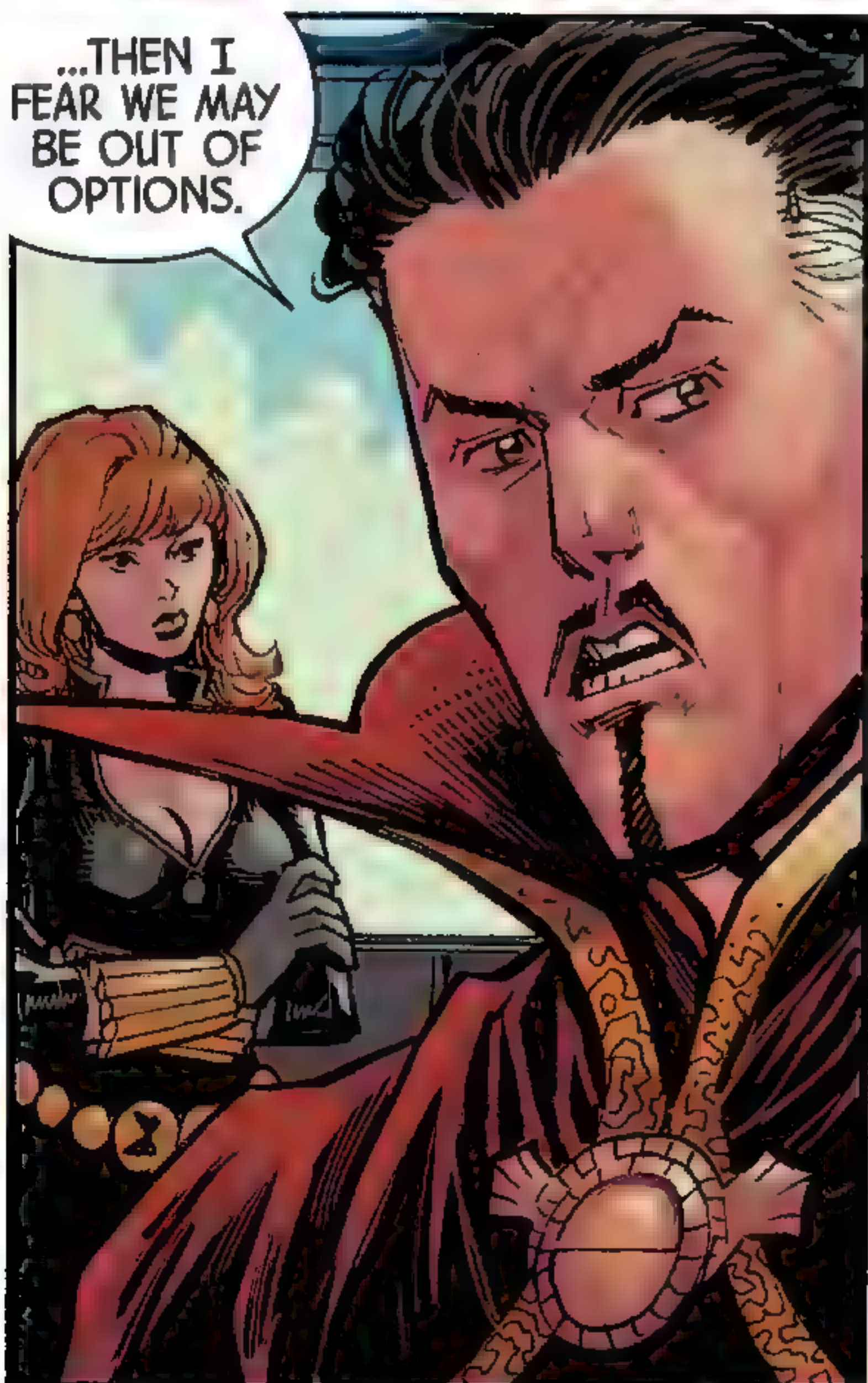
HEY. REAL QUICK. IS... ANYONE ELSE **VERY** CONFUSED?



I KNOW. IT'S A LOT TO TAKE IN.

BUT IT IS WHY I HAVE GATHERED YOU ALL HERE.

THIS IS POTENTIALLY THE GREATEST THREAT WE HAVE EVER FACED. IF THE EVENTS OF EL PASO HAVE WELL AND TRULY BROKEN BRUCE'S MIND...

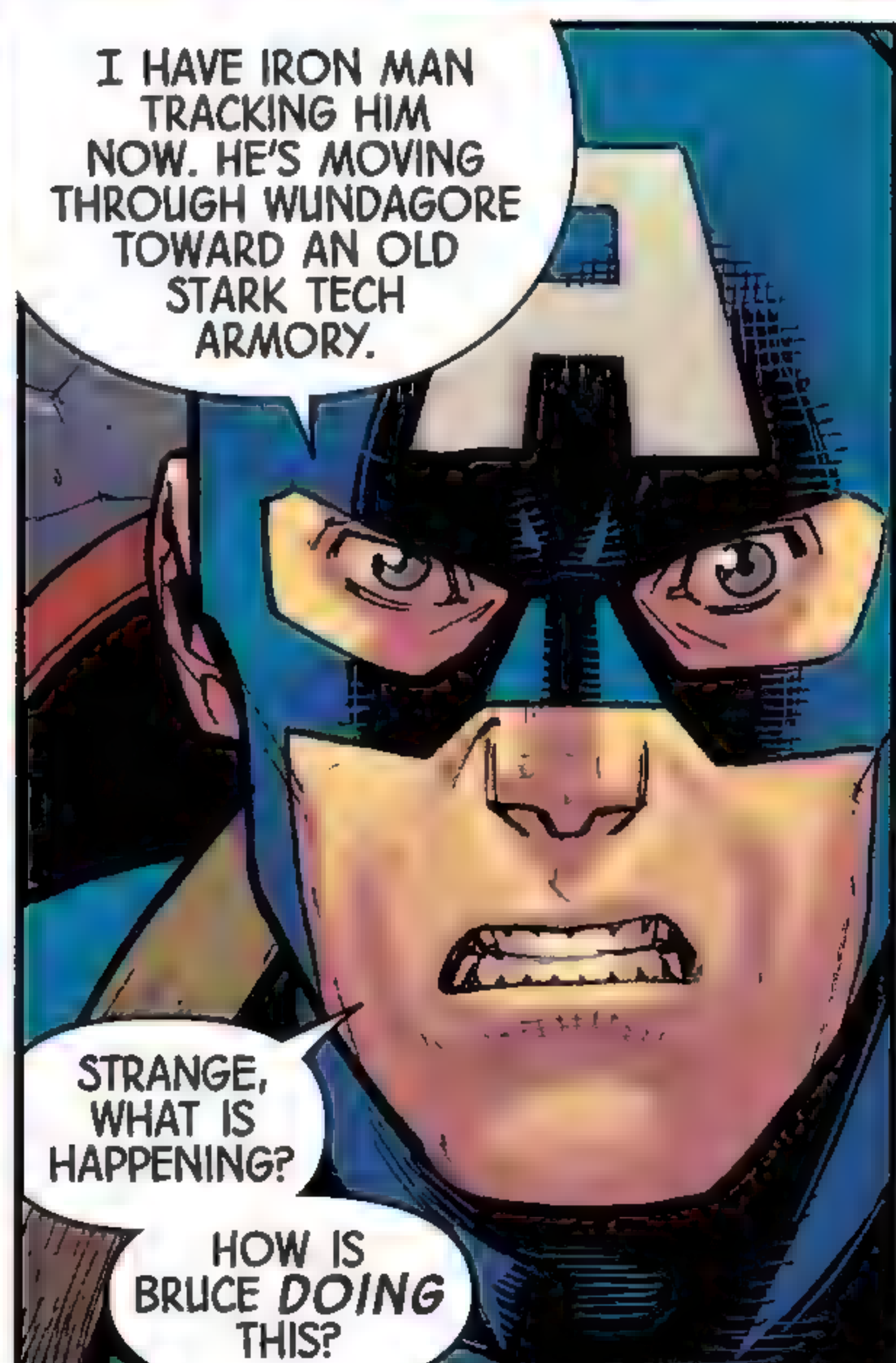


...THEN I FEAR WE MAY BE OUT OF OPTIONS.



WE HAVE AN OFFICIAL DEATH COUNT ON EL PASO YET?

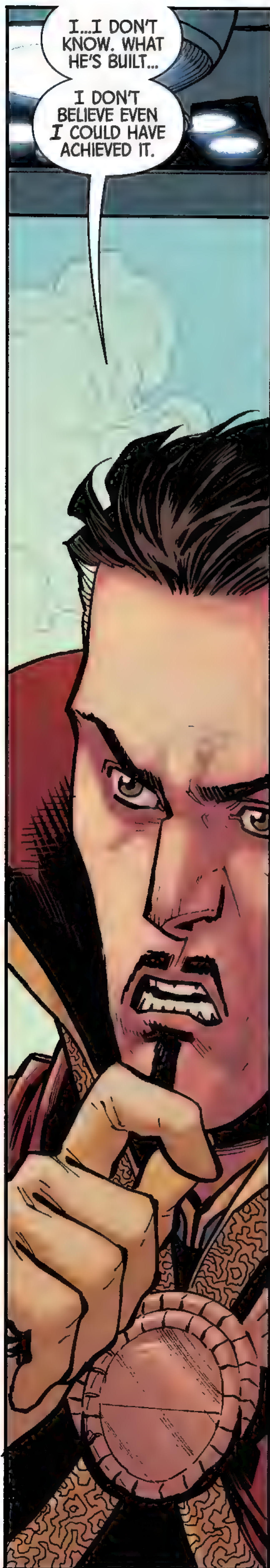
ONE IS TOO MANY.



I HAVE IRON MAN TRACKING HIM NOW. HE'S MOVING THROUGH WUNDAGORE TOWARD AN OLD STARK TECH ARMORY.

STRANGE, WHAT IS HAPPENING?

HOW IS BRUCE *DOING* THIS?



I...I DON'T
KNOW. WHAT
HE'S BUILT...

I DON'T
BELIEVE EVEN
I COULD HAVE
ACHIEVED IT.



I HAVE
SCoured THE EARTH,
SEARCHING AND QUESTIONING
EVERY MYSTIC AND OMEGA-LEVEL
TELEPATH WHO COULD DO
SUCH A THING...

AND...
NOTHING.



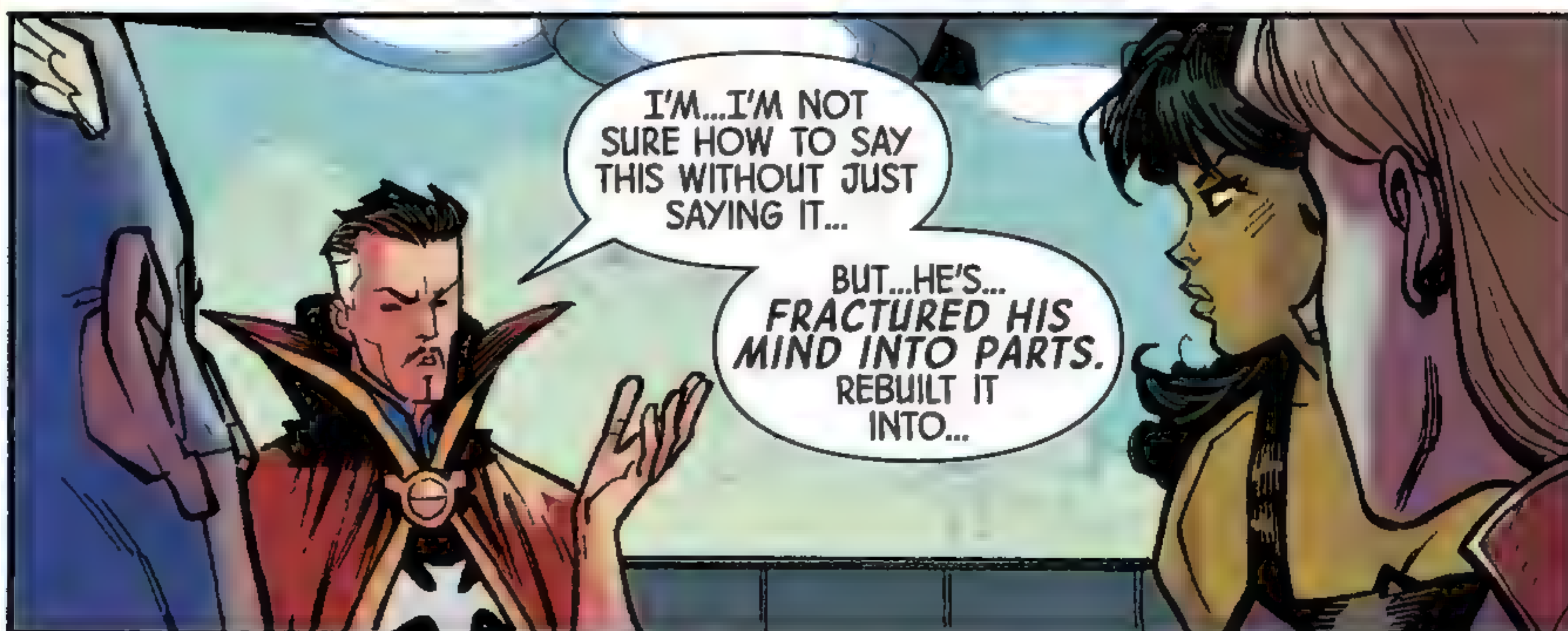
HE COULDN'T
HAVE BUILT IT
HIMSELF.

IT
DOESN'T
MAKE ANY
SENSE...THE *MAGIC*
REQUIRED...IT'S
BEYOND--



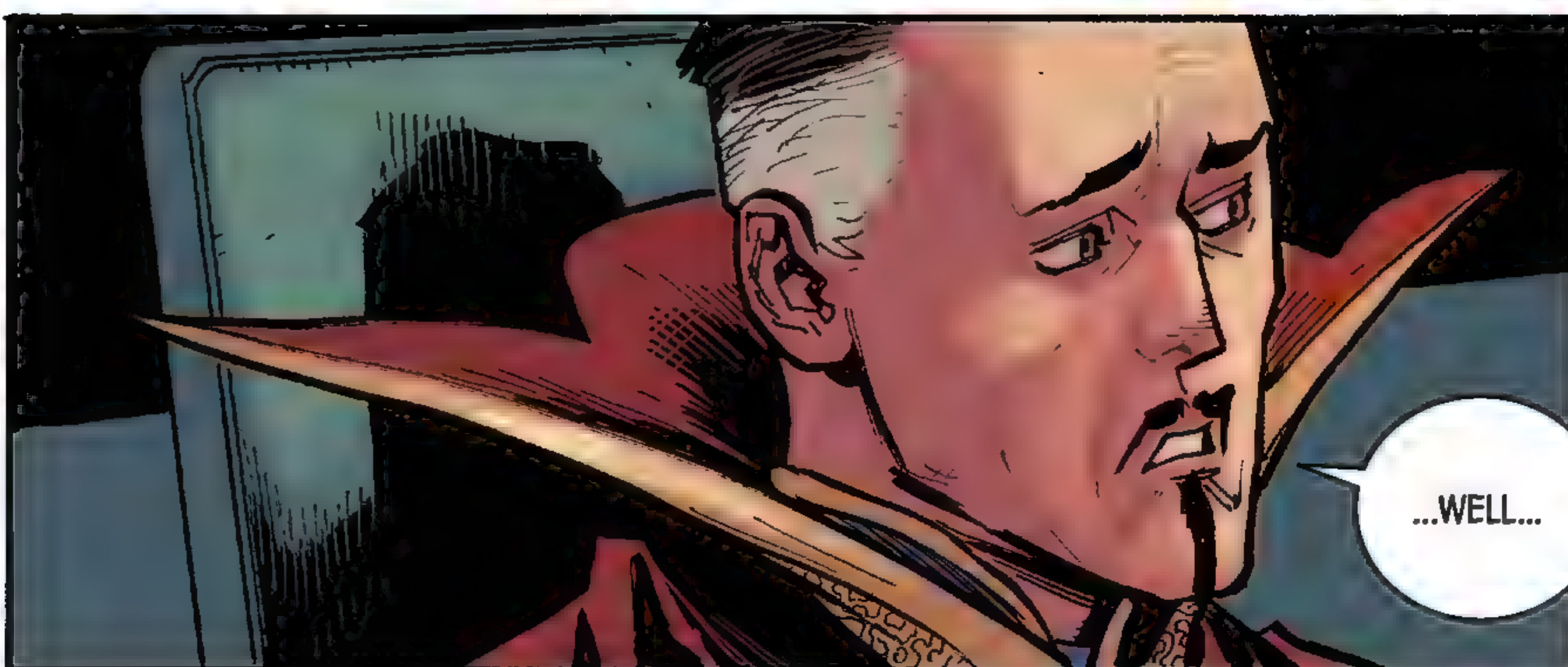
STEPHEN.
FOCUS.

WHAT IS
HAPPENING?



I'M...I'M NOT
SURE HOW TO SAY
THIS WITHOUT JUST
SAYING IT...

BUT...HE'S...
*FRACTURED HIS
MIND INTO PARTS.*
REBUILT IT
INTO...

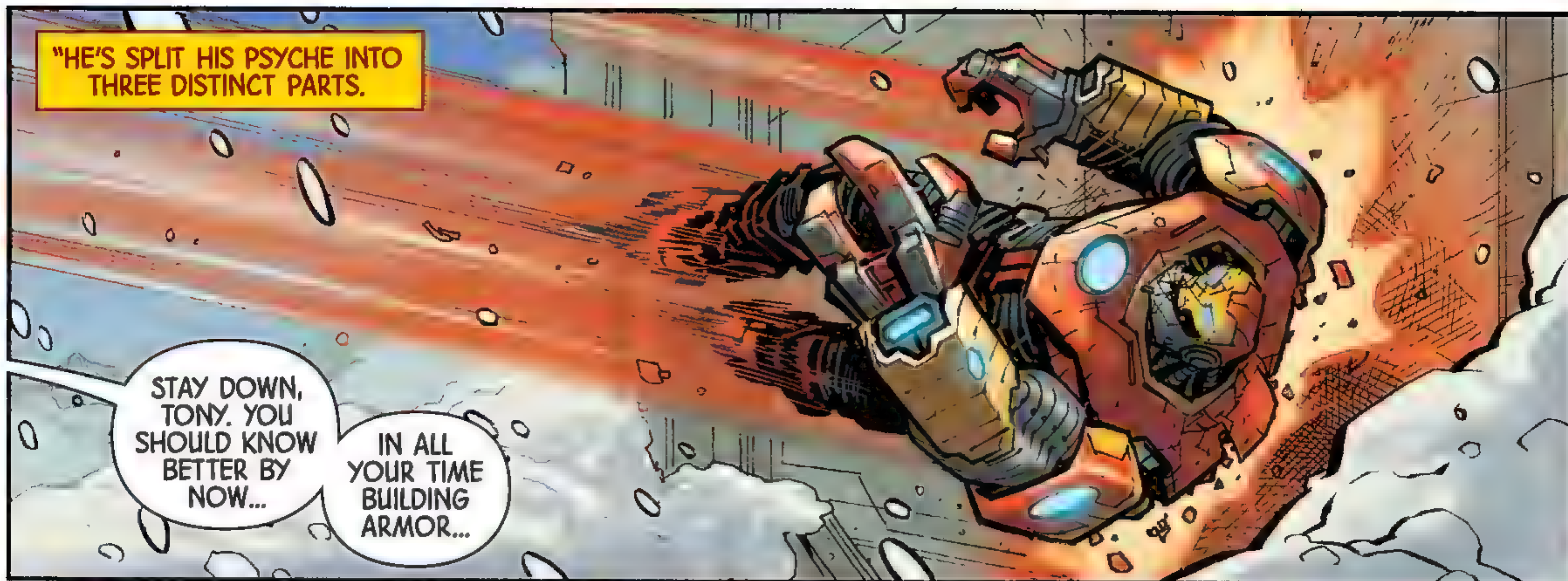


...WELL...

"...I BELIEVE HE'S
TURNED THE HULK
INTO A STARSHIP."

RAHHH!!!

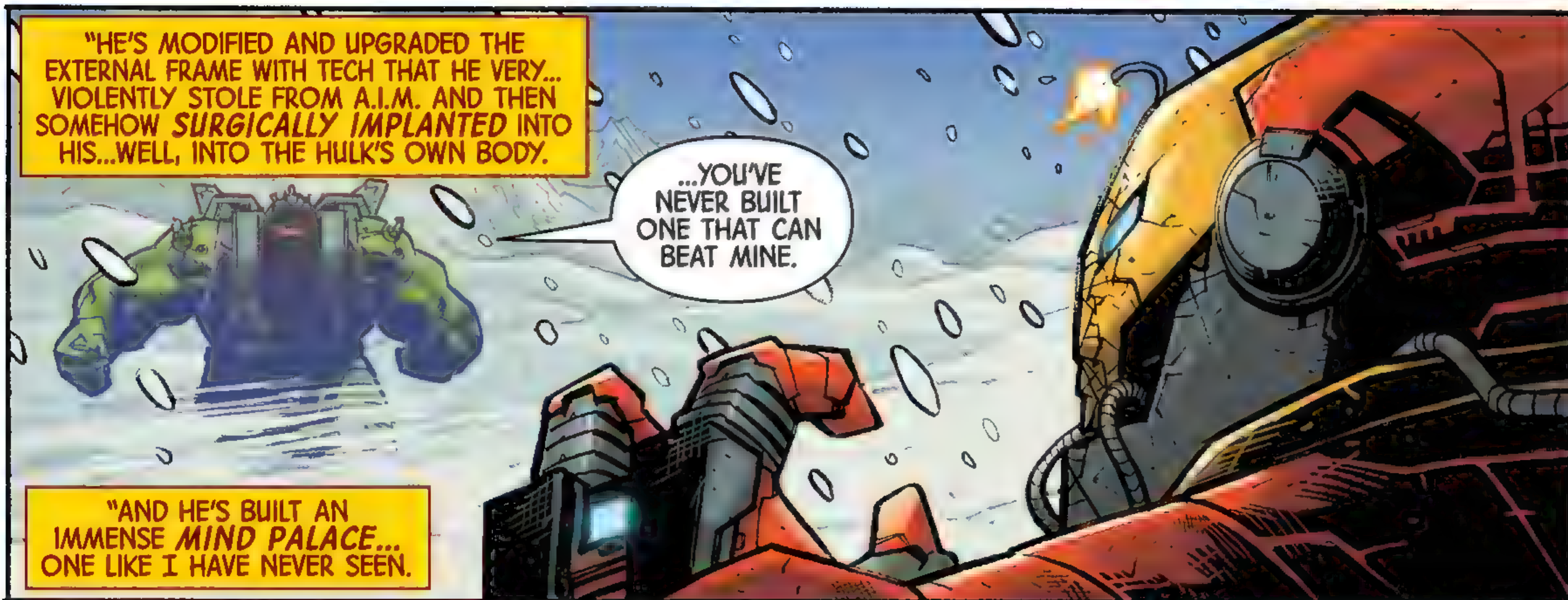




"HE'S SPLIT HIS PSYCHE INTO THREE DISTINCT PARTS.

STAY DOWN, TONY. YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER BY NOW...

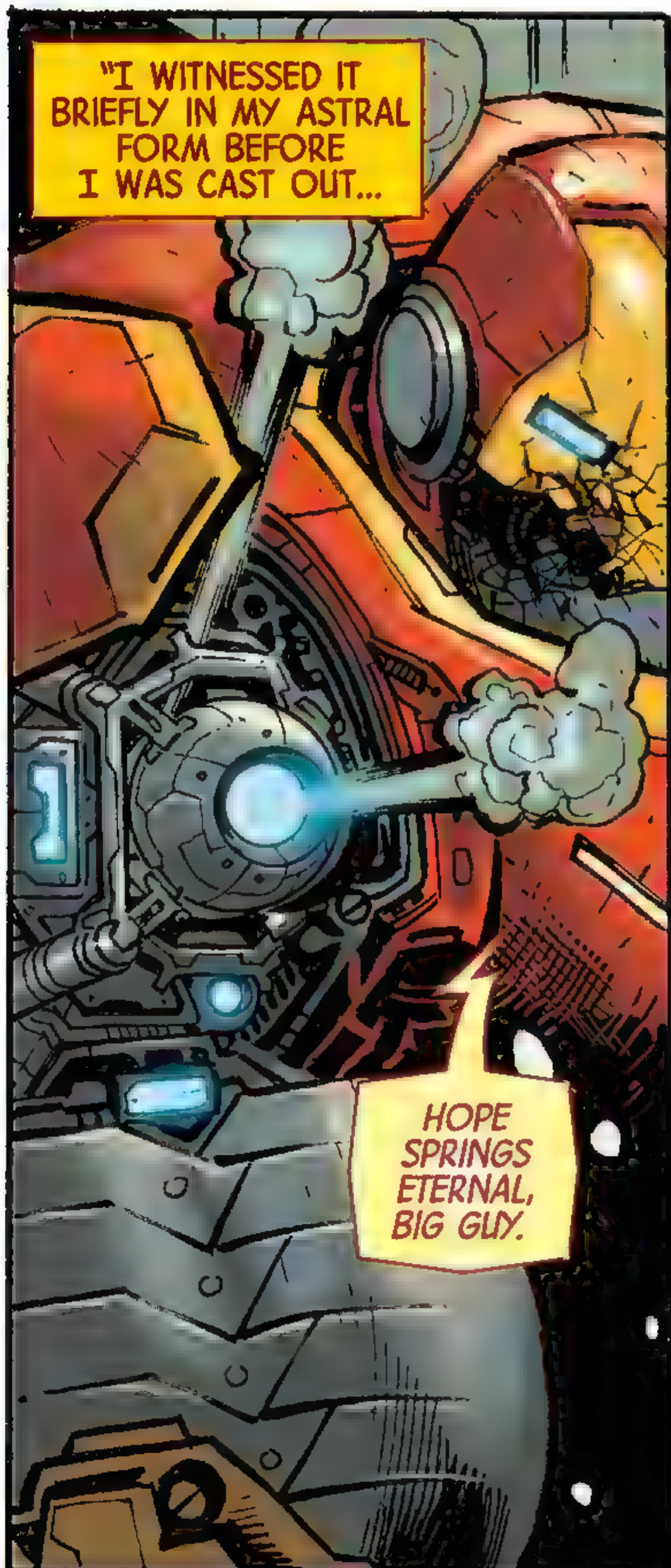
IN ALL YOUR TIME BUILDING ARMOR...



"HE'S MODIFIED AND UPGRADED THE EXTERNAL FRAME WITH TECH THAT HE VERY... VIOLENTLY STOLE FROM A.I.M. AND THEN SOMEHOW *SURGICALLY IMPLANTED* INTO HIS...WELL, INTO THE HULK'S OWN BODY.

...YOU'VE NEVER BUILT ONE THAT CAN BEAT MINE.

"AND HE'S BUILT AN IMMENSE *MIND PALACE*... ONE LIKE I HAVE NEVER SEEN.



"I WITNESSED IT BRIEFLY IN MY ASTRAL FORM BEFORE I WAS CAST OUT...

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL, BIG GUY.



"VAST. COMPLEX. IMPENETRABLE. AND AT THE VERY HEART OF IT ALL... WHERE THE HULK'S PSYCHE SHOULD BE?

IS THAT SO?



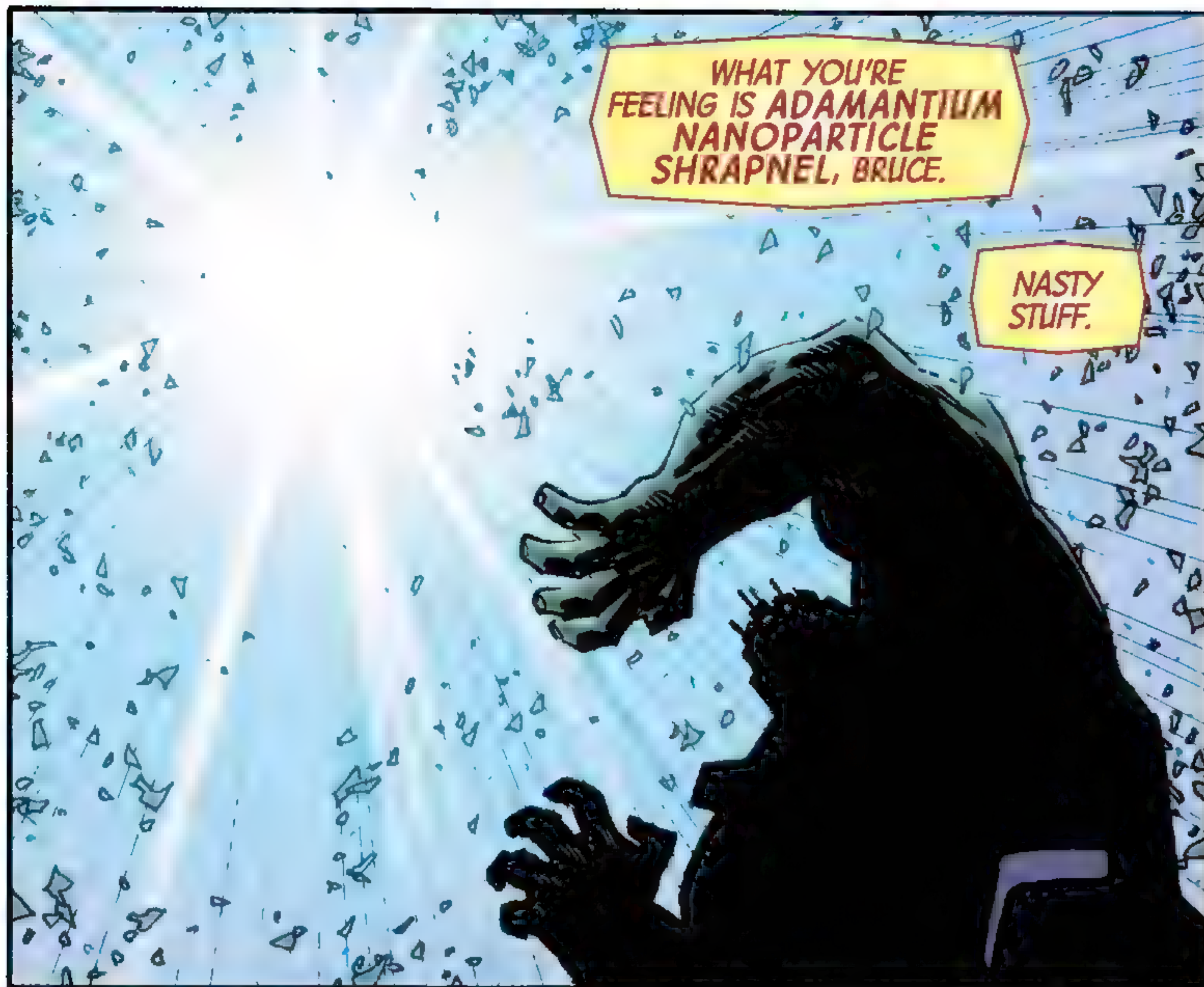
"SITS BRUCE.

"A CAPTAIN. ASTRIDE THE BRIDGE...

"...OF *STARSHIP HULK*.

THAT'S NOT REALLY BEEN MY EXPERIENCE.





WHAT YOU'RE
FEELING IS ADAMANTIUM
NANOPARTICLE
SHRAPNEL, BRUCE.

NASTY
STUFF.



SEE, IT
BURROWS INTO SKIN.
EVEN YOURS.



AND AS IT DOES, THE
NANO-PROGRAMMING
FORGES THE ADAMANTIUM
AT AN ATOMIC LEVEL.

RAGHH!!!

CREATING ANY
SHAPE OR FORM
I WANT.



IN
THIS CASE?
A CAGE.



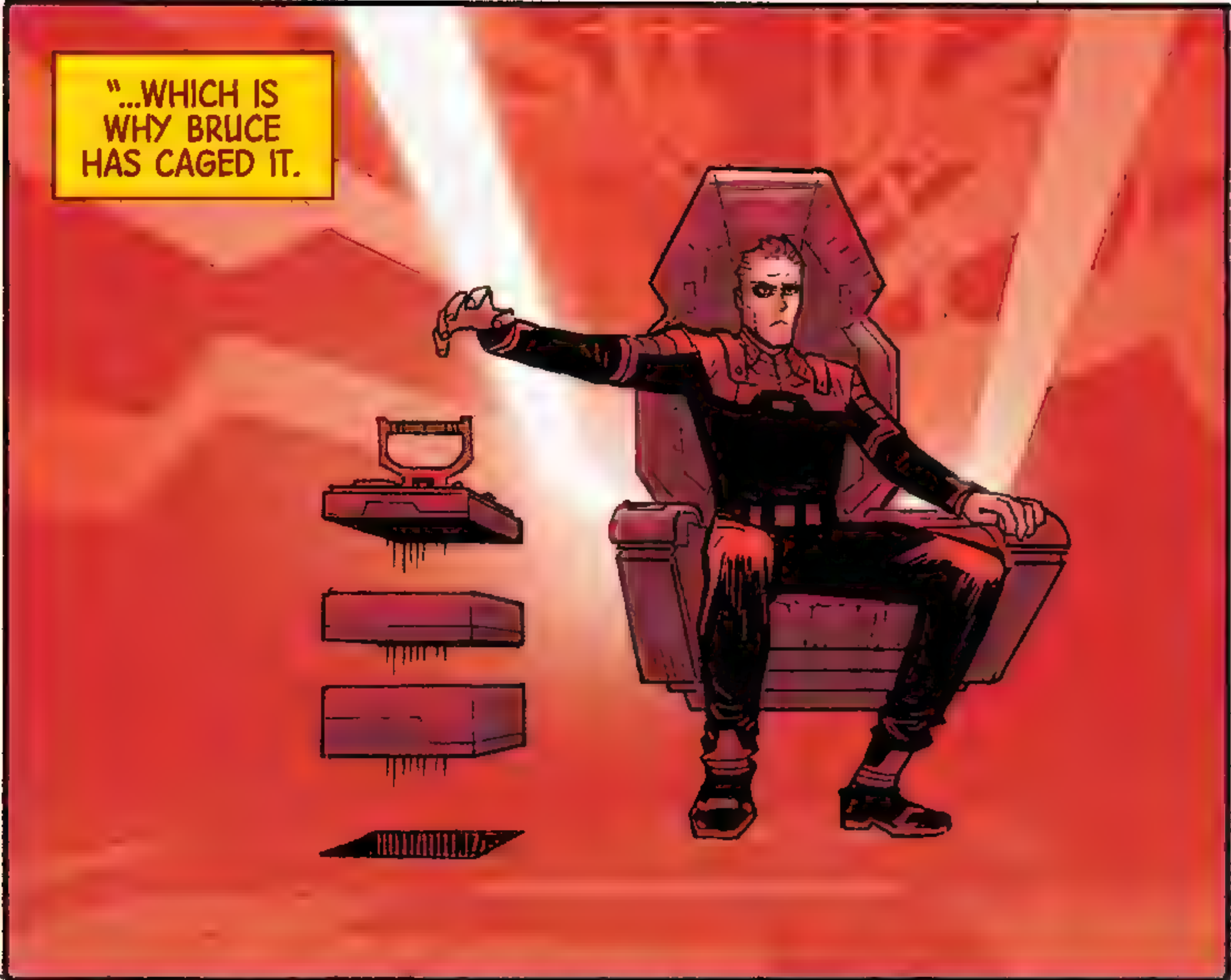
SORRY, BRUCE.
THIS IS WHERE
IT ENDS.



"WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE
THIRD ELEMENT IN THIS NEW
STARSHIP MIND PALACE...

"BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW...
TO MAKE THE HULK'S
EXTERNAL BODY STRONG...

"...THE HULK'S
PSYCHE MUST
STAY ANGRY..."



"...WHICH IS WHY BRUCE HAS CAGED IT.



"PLACED IT IN WHAT HE CALLS THE ENGINE ROOM.

STAGE ONE:



"AND WITH A PUSH OF HIS THROTTLE...

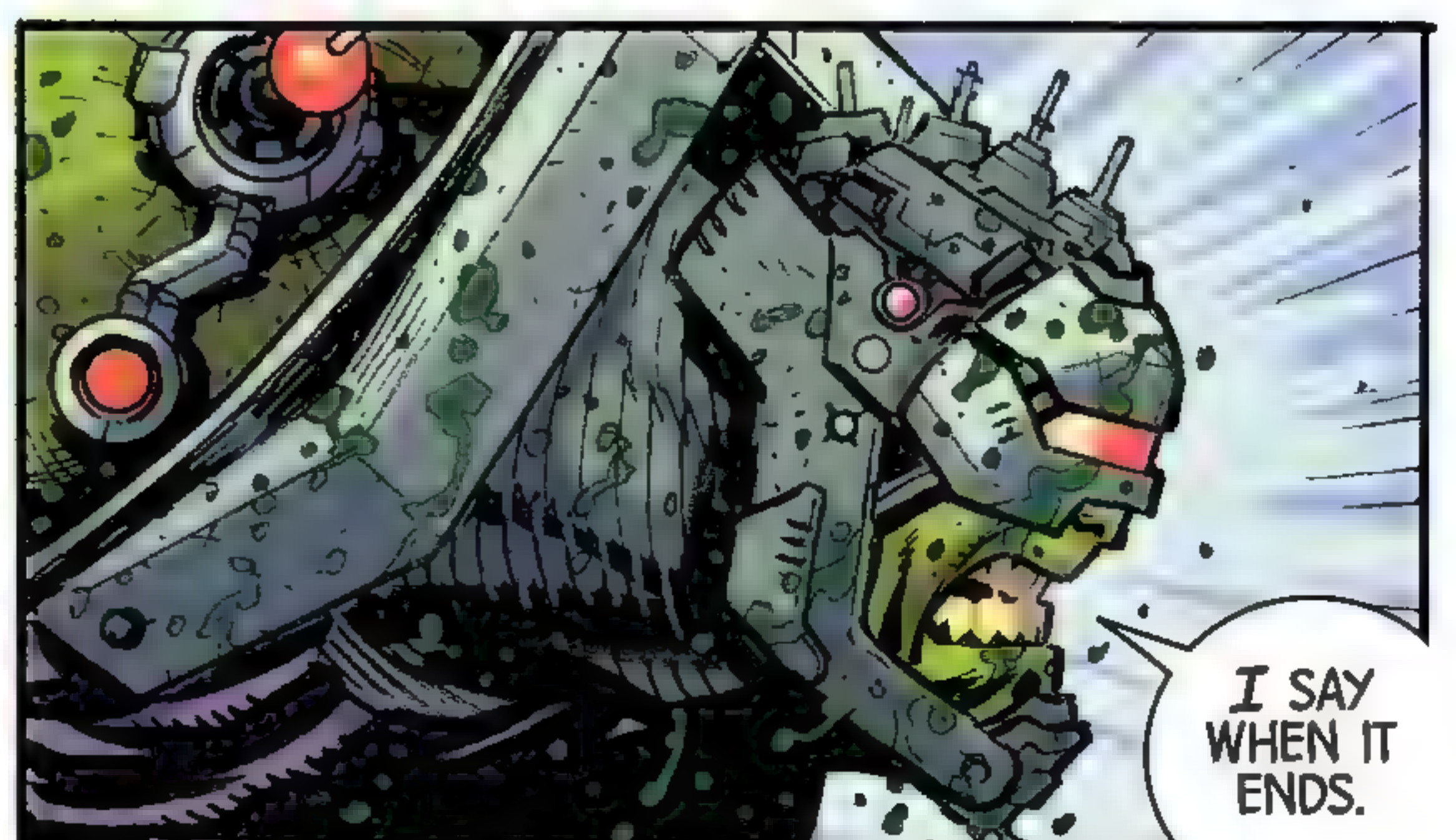
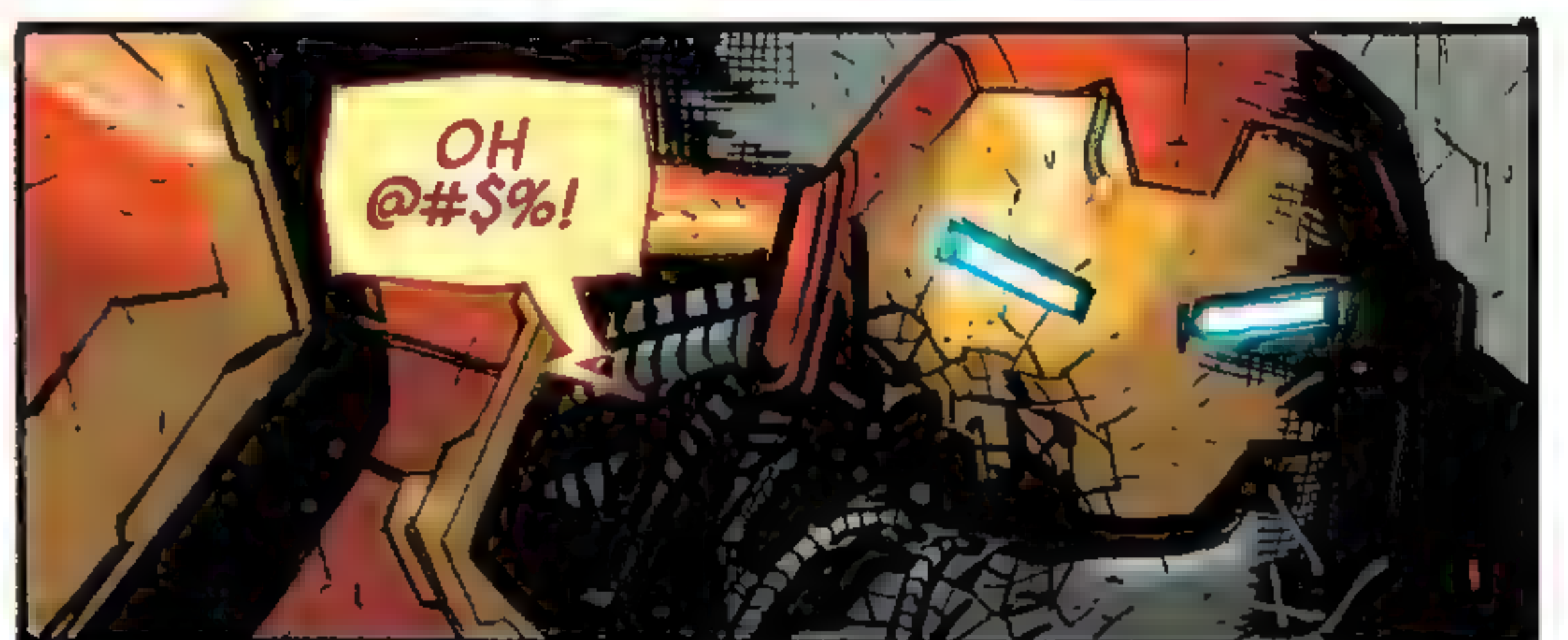


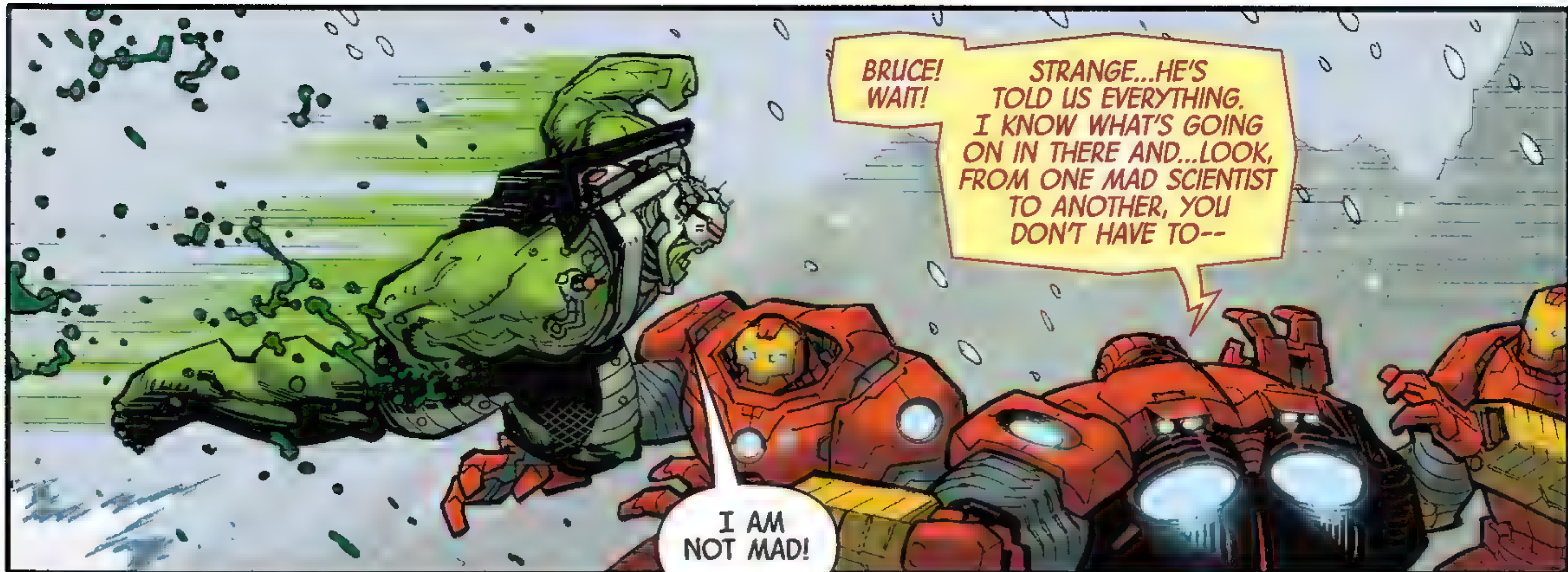
BANNER...

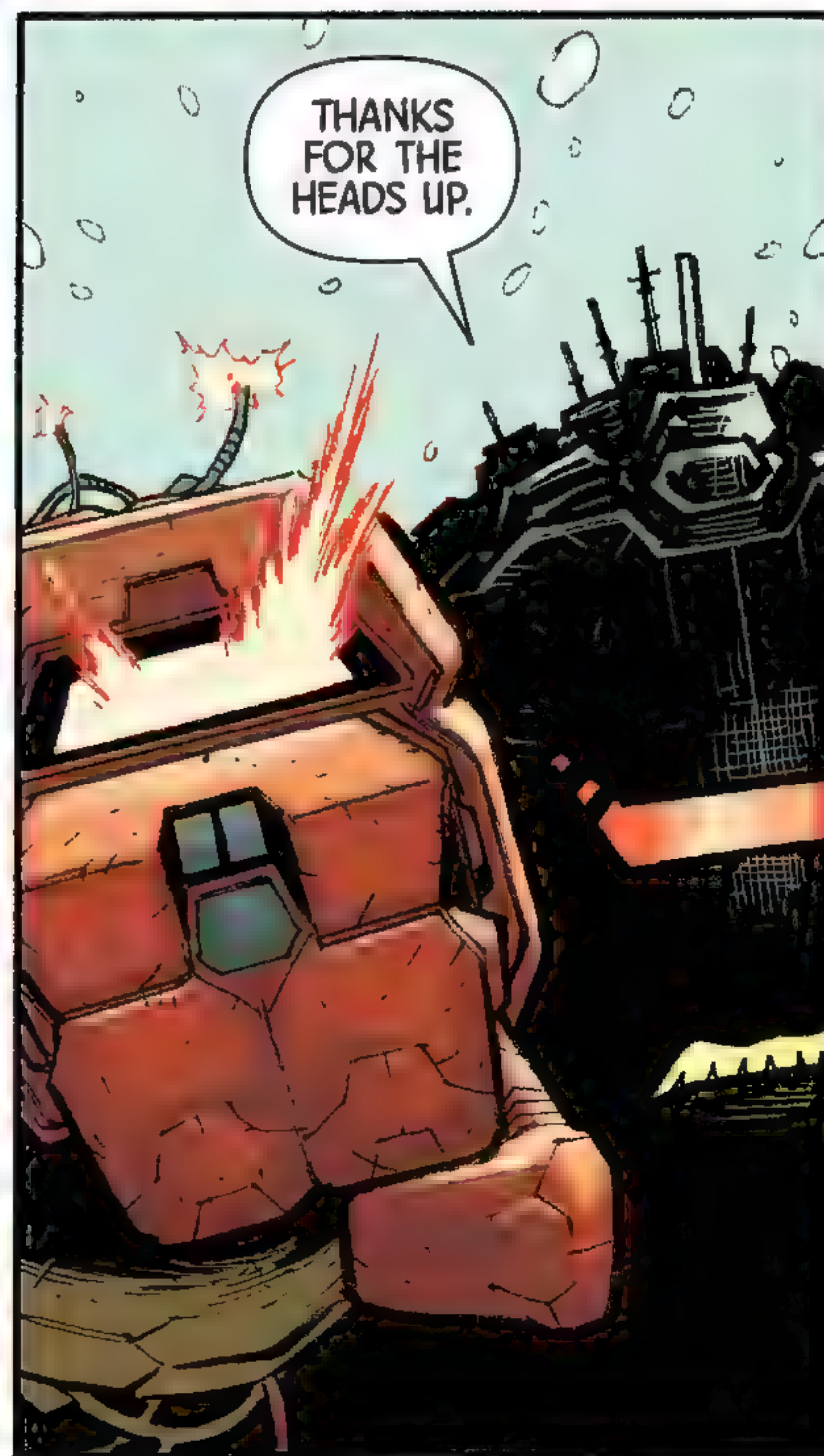
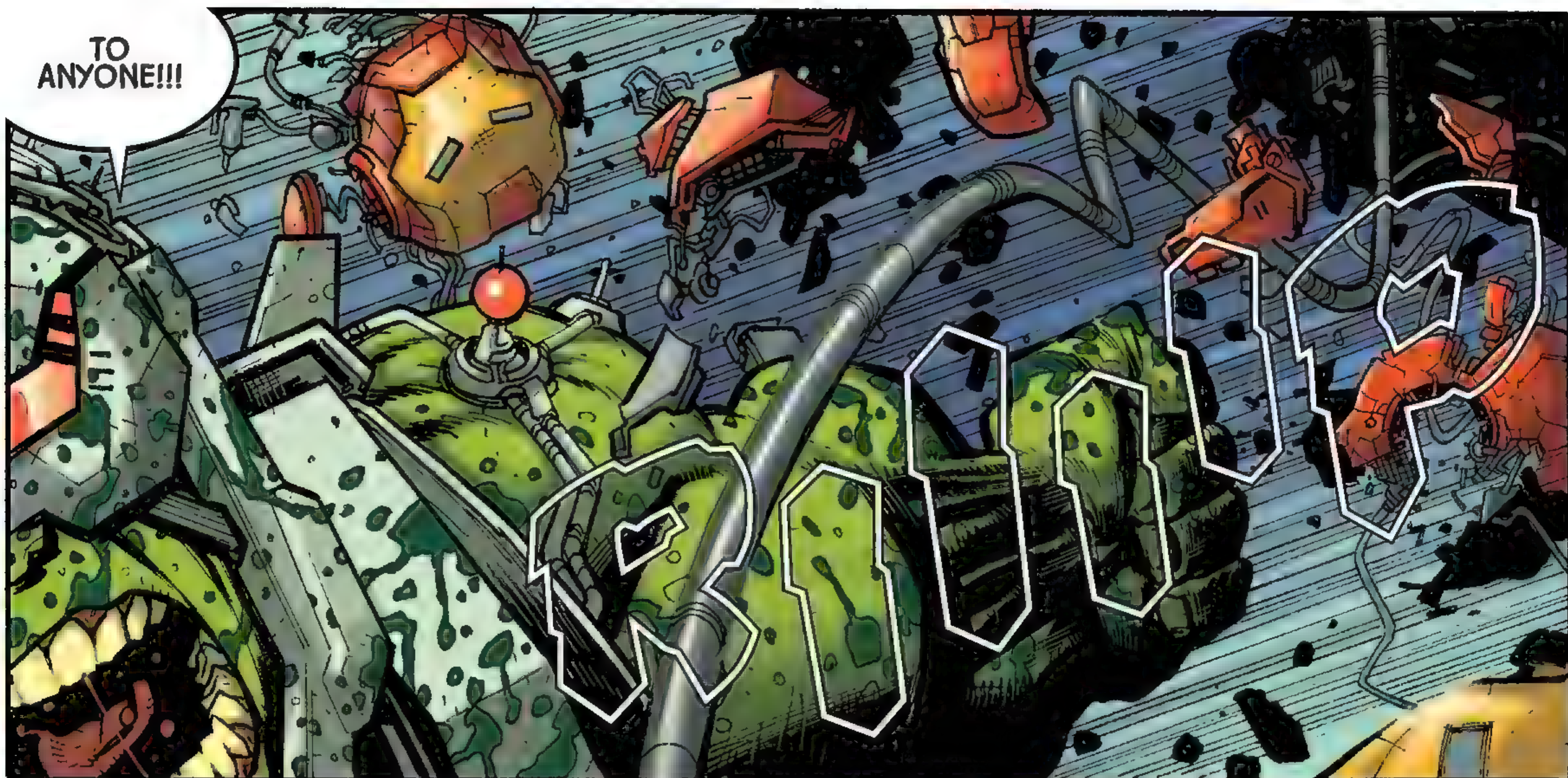
"...HE CONTROLS
THE HULK'S RAGE."

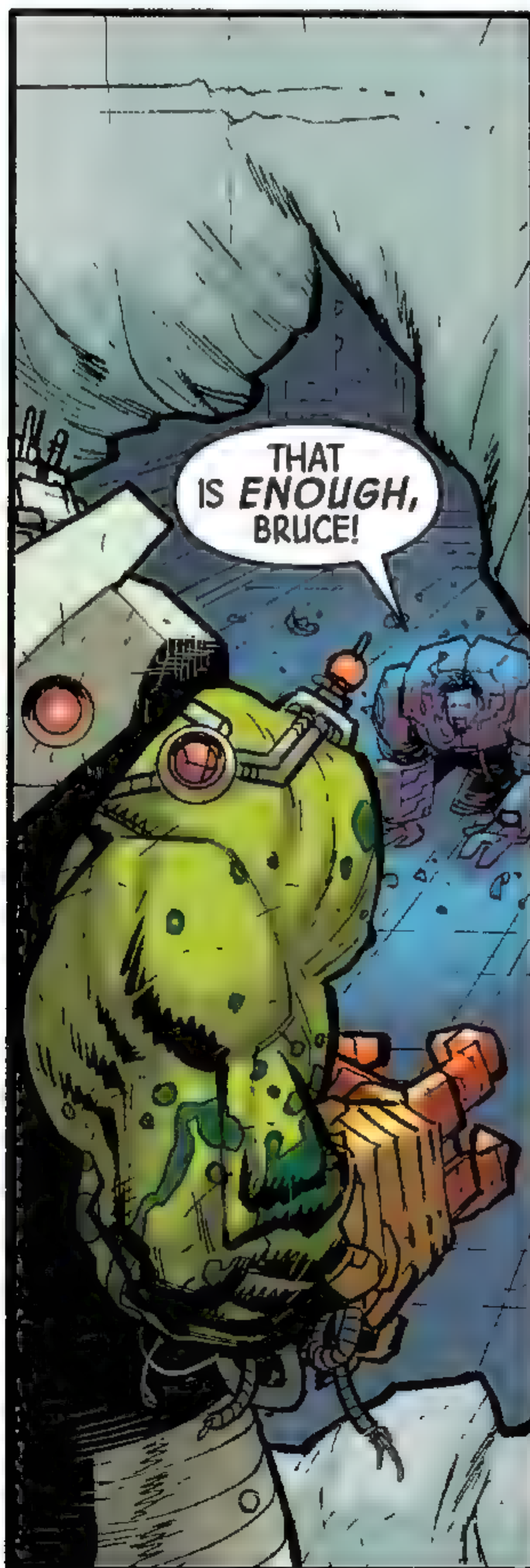
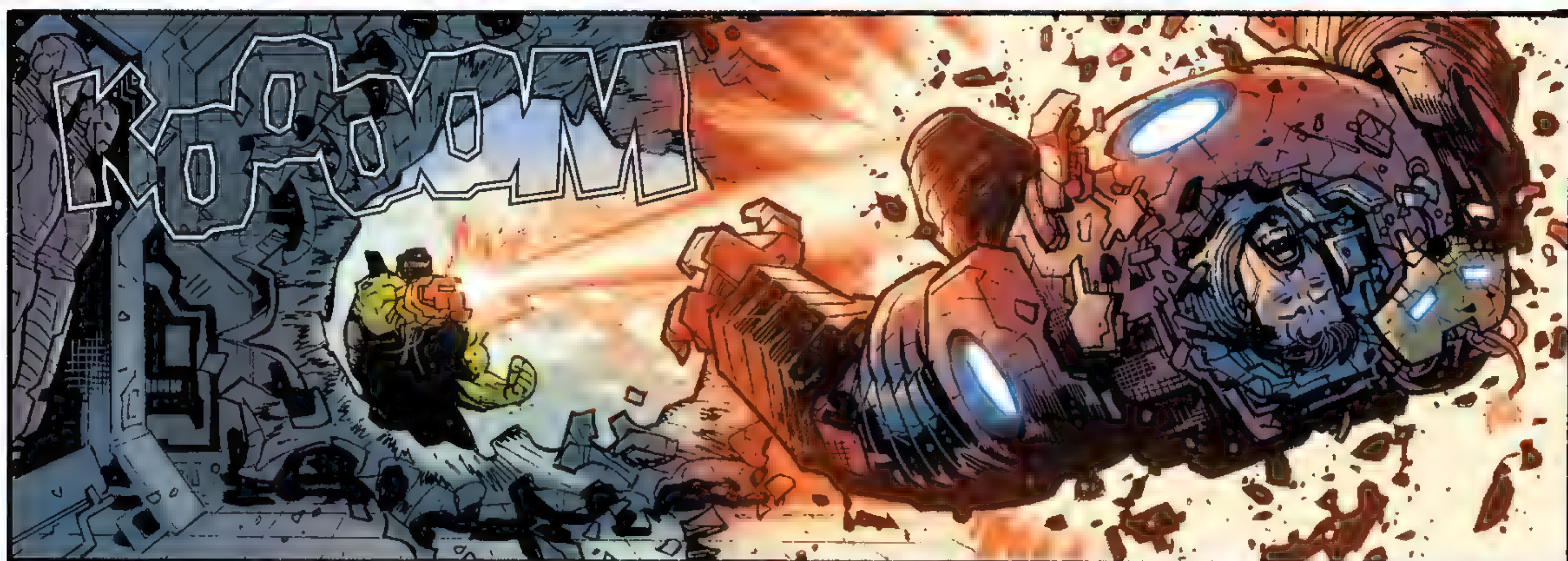


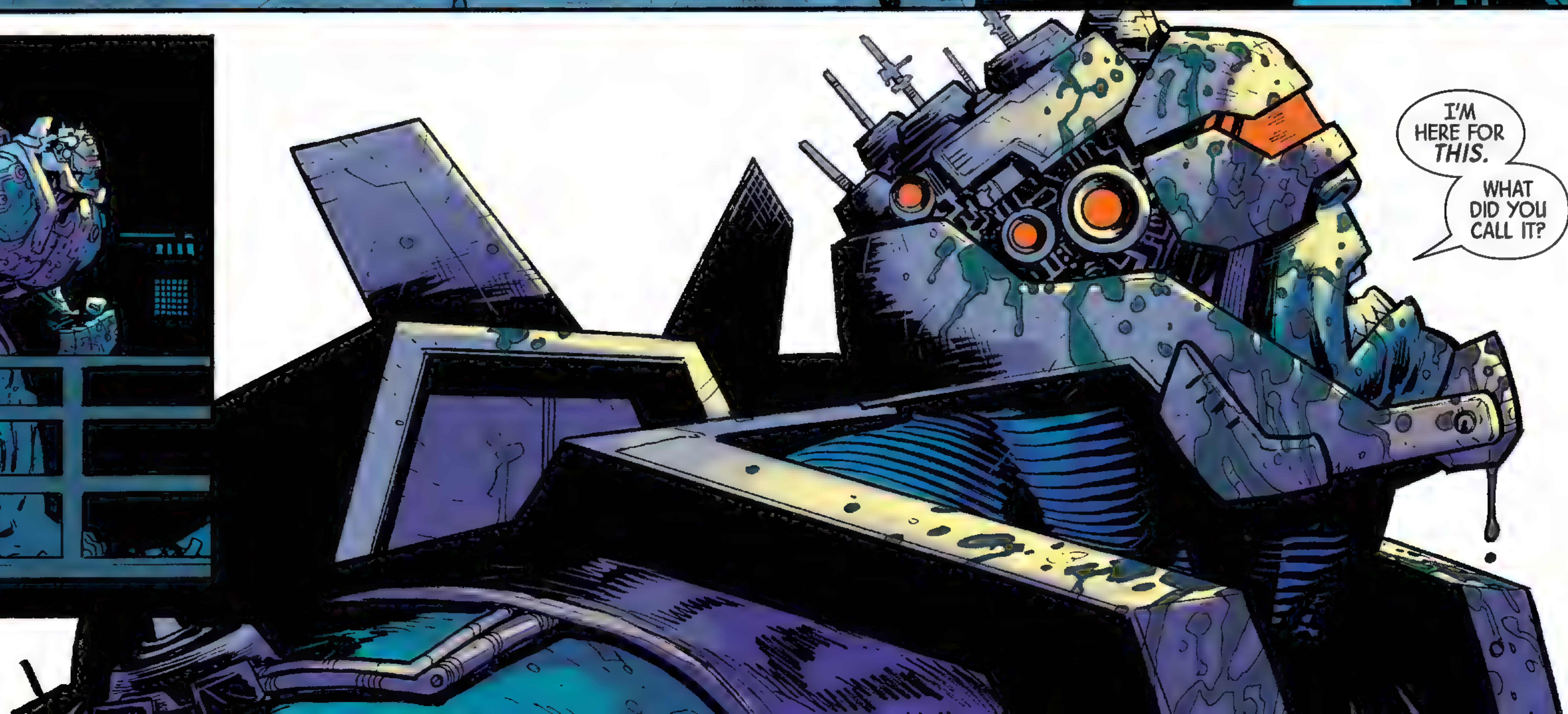
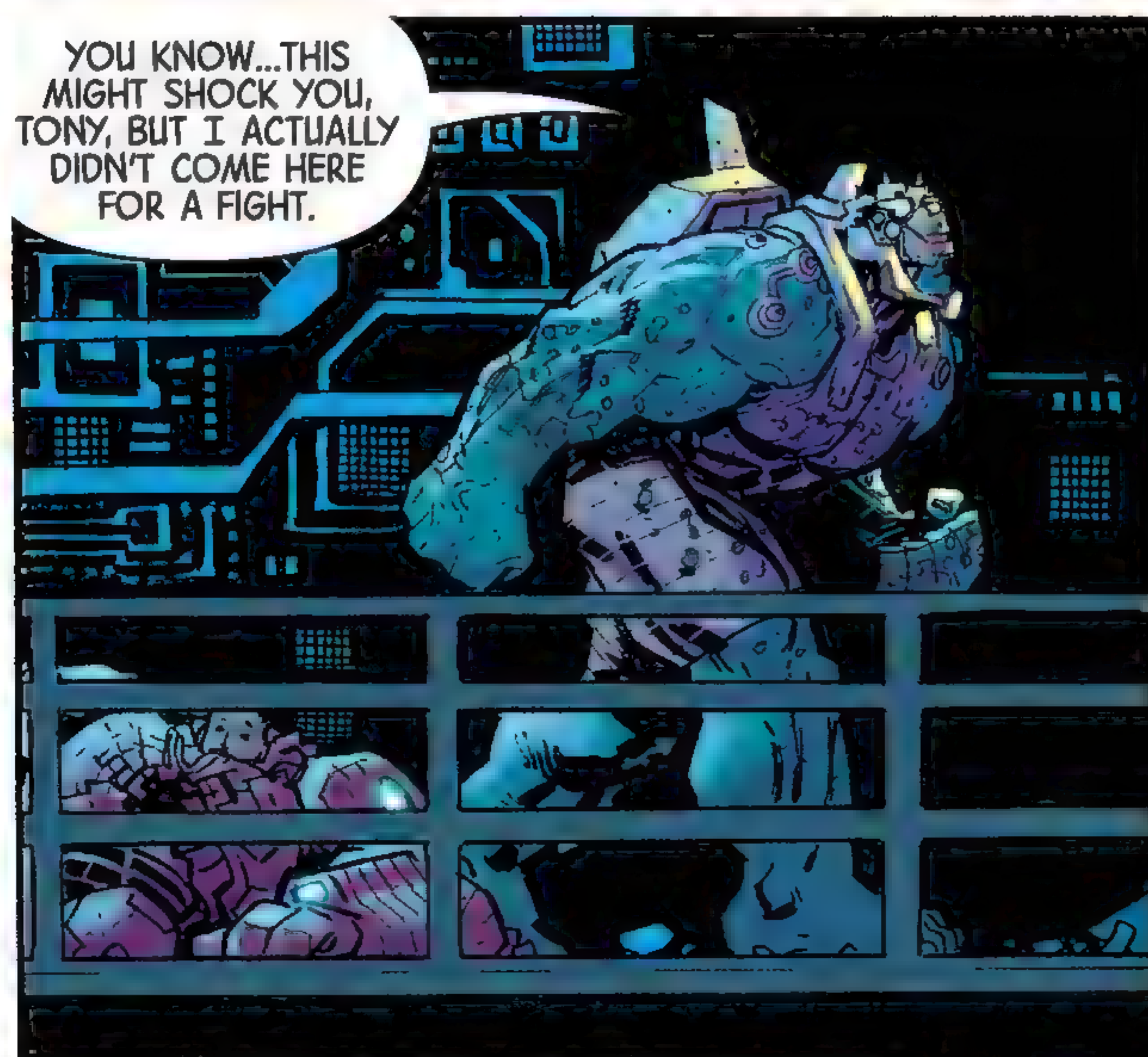
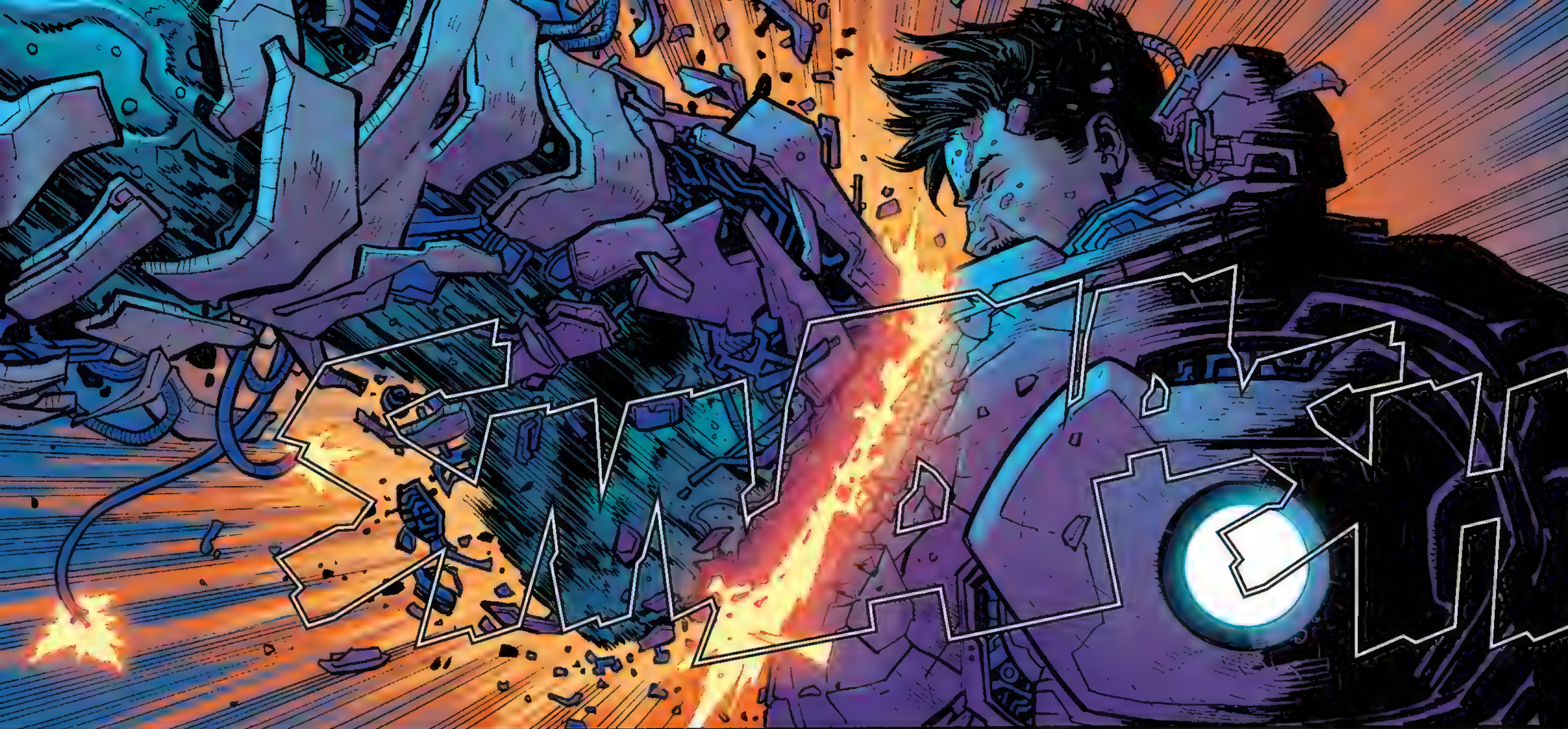
**INFINITE
ARMIES.**













PROJECT: A.R.K.,
RIGHT?

YOU'VE BEEN
BUILDING IT EVER
SINCE YOU PILOTED
THIS *CELESTIAL*
DURING THE KNULL
ATTACK.*

USING THE
LATENT CELESTIAL
ENERGIES TO CREATE A
WORMHOLE TO A POCKET
DIMENSION THAT YOU
COULD EVACUATE CIVILIANS
TO IN CASE OF
ANOTHER EVENT-LEVEL
ATTACK.

IT'S
GOOD WORK,
TONY.



I'M GOING
TO NEED TO
BORROW IT.



NO! BRUCE!
YOU--YOU CAN'T
DO THIS!
THE MATH ISN'T
FINISHED. IT
ISN'T SAFE!



ISN'T THAT
WHAT YOU
ALL WANT,
TONY?

TO
BE RID OF
ME?



BRUCE...NOT
LIKE THIS. LISTEN TO
ME...YOU COULD *DIE* IN
THERE...YOU HAVE *NO*
IDEA WHERE IT WILL
TAKE YOU!

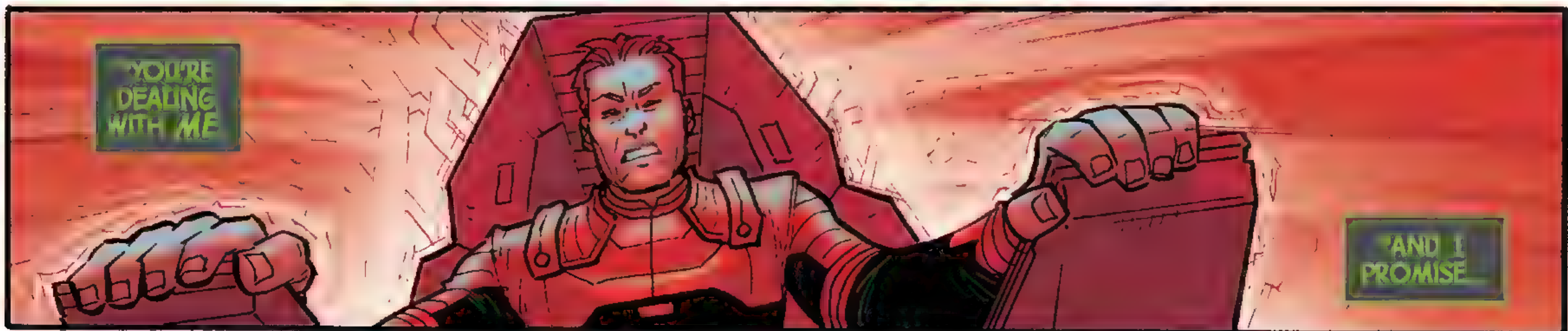
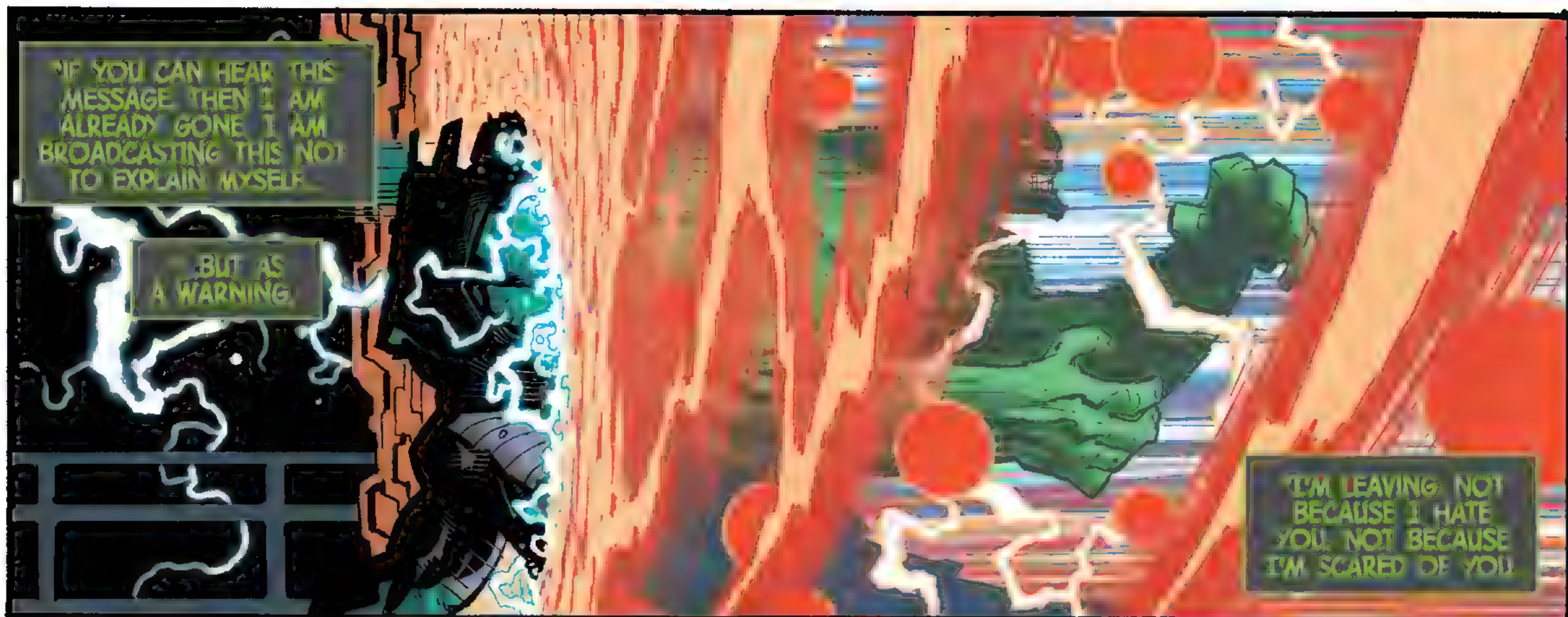


AND
NEITHER WILL
YOU.



SEND
TRANSMISSION

GOODBYE,
TONY.



RAAGH!!!





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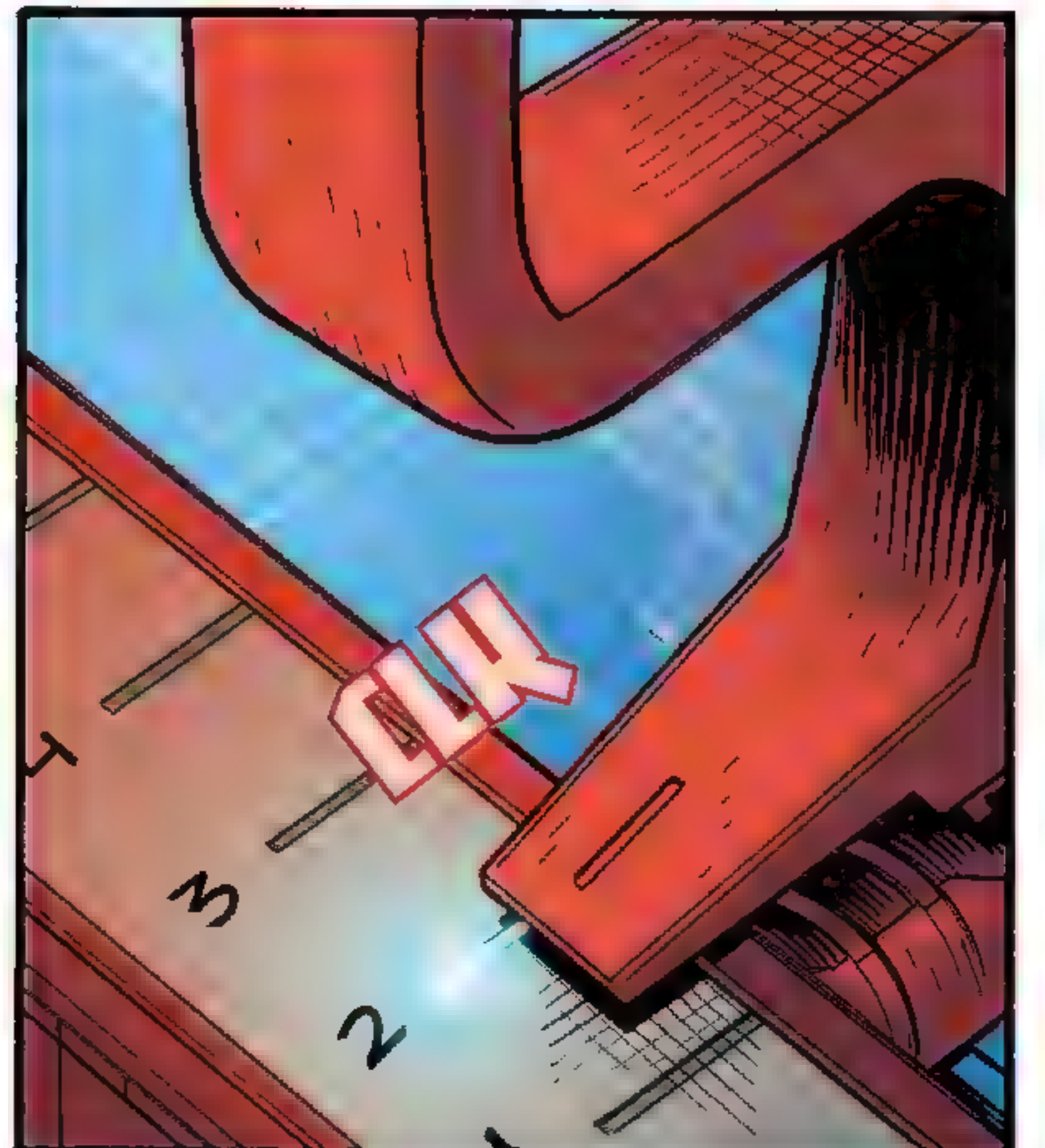


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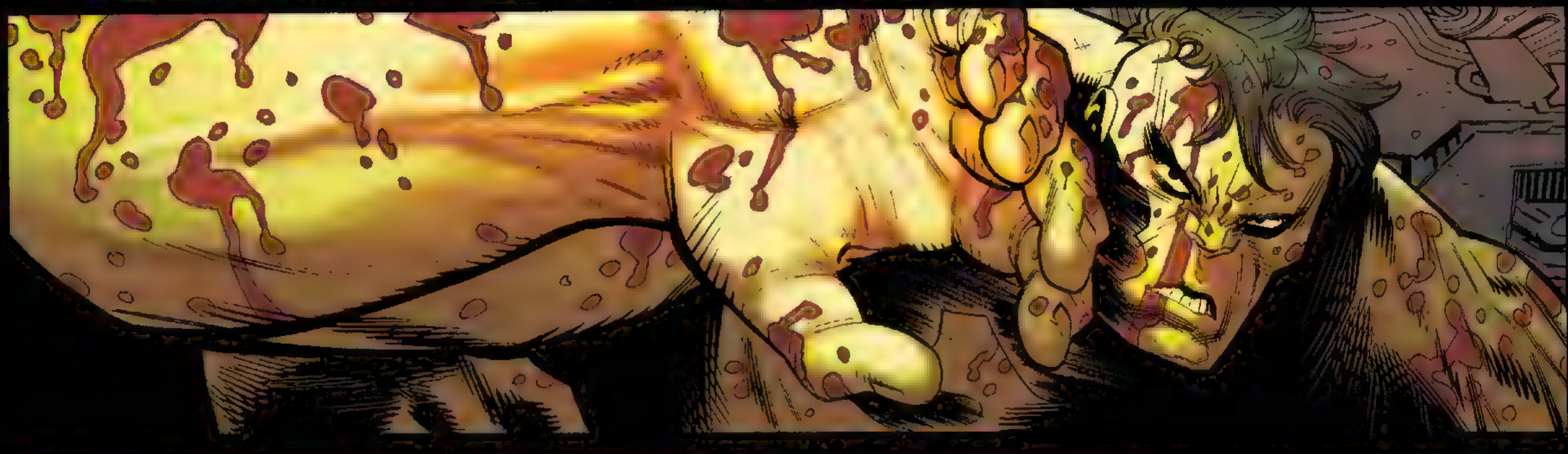
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THE ENGINE ROOM.



STAGE TWO:



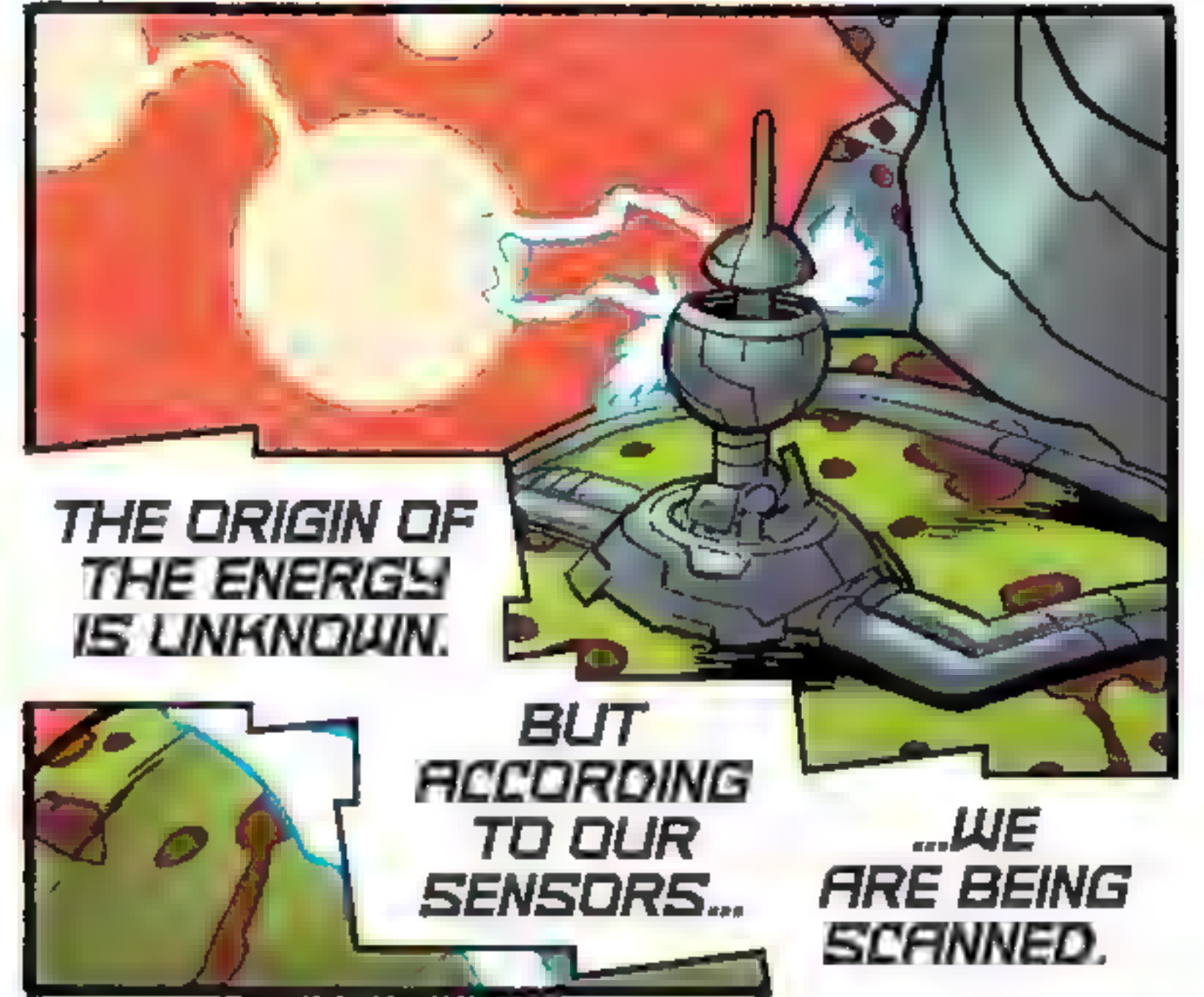
MONSTERS.



BANNER...

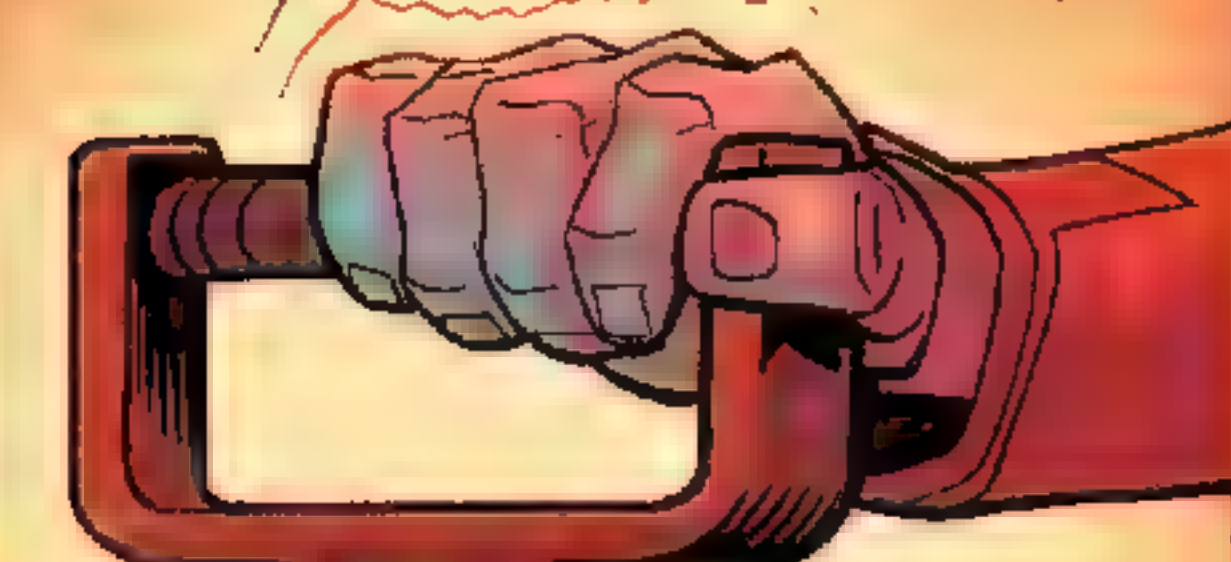
RAHHH!





WE
NEED MORE
POWER.

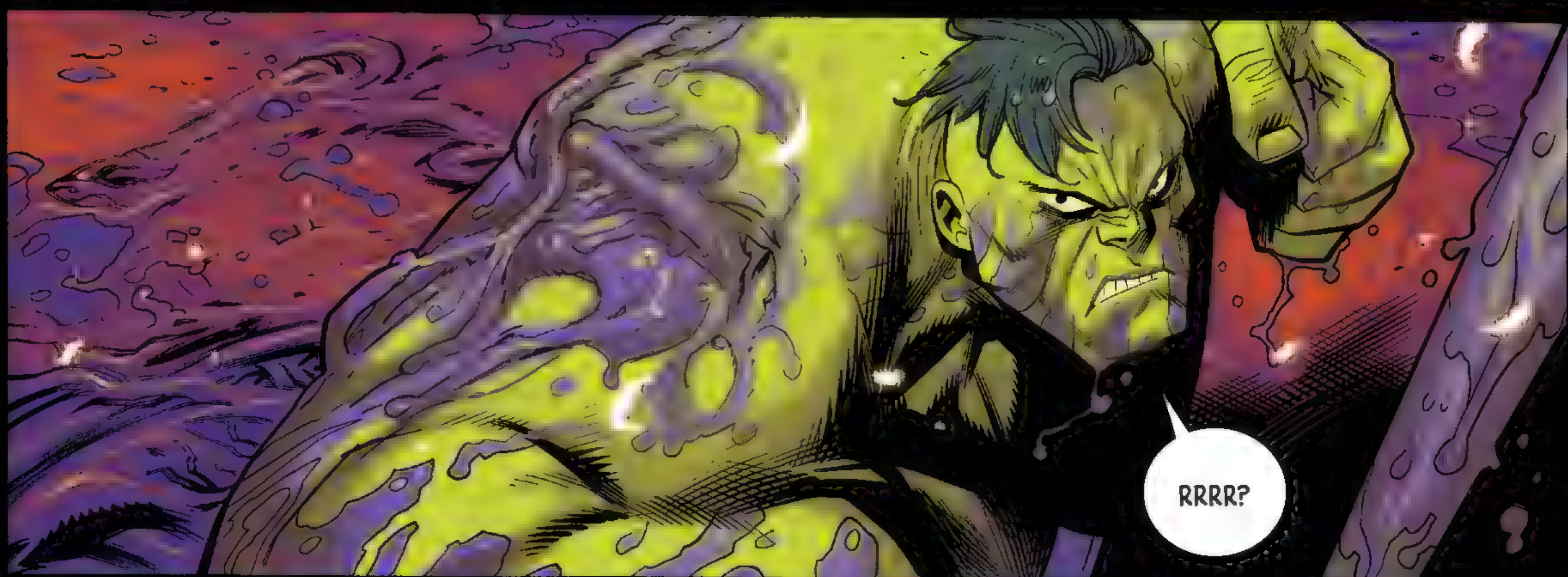
SIR, INCREASING POWER
TO THE ENGINE AT THIS
POINT IS NOT ADVISED!
THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH
IT CAN TAKE BEFORE--



3

2

RAGHHH!!!



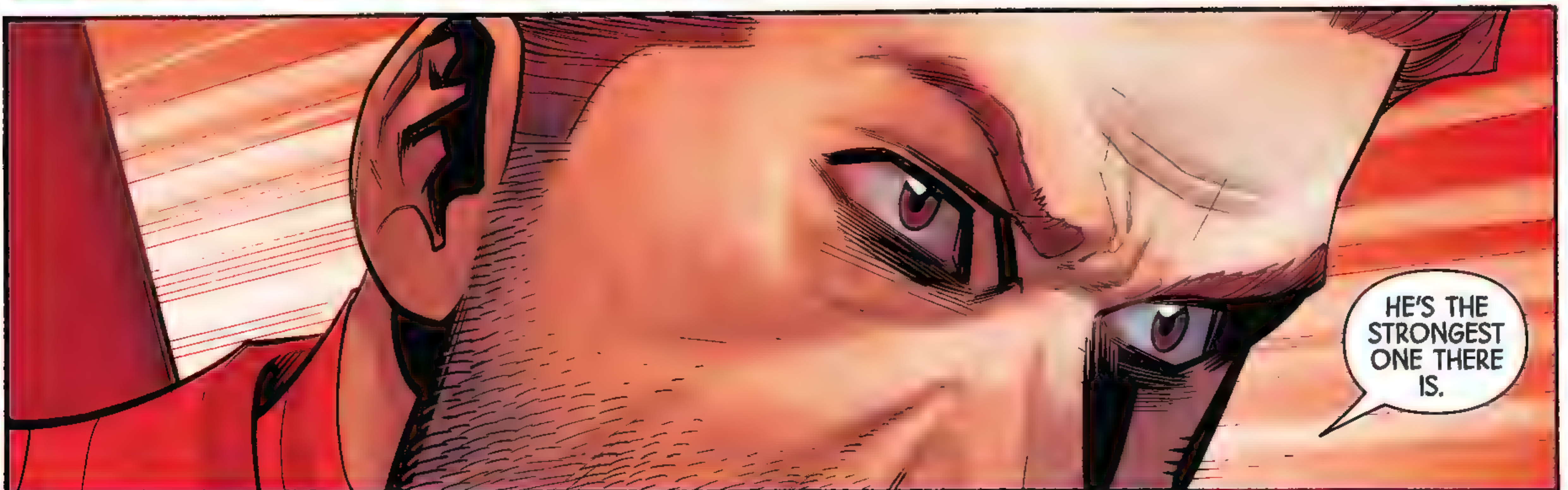
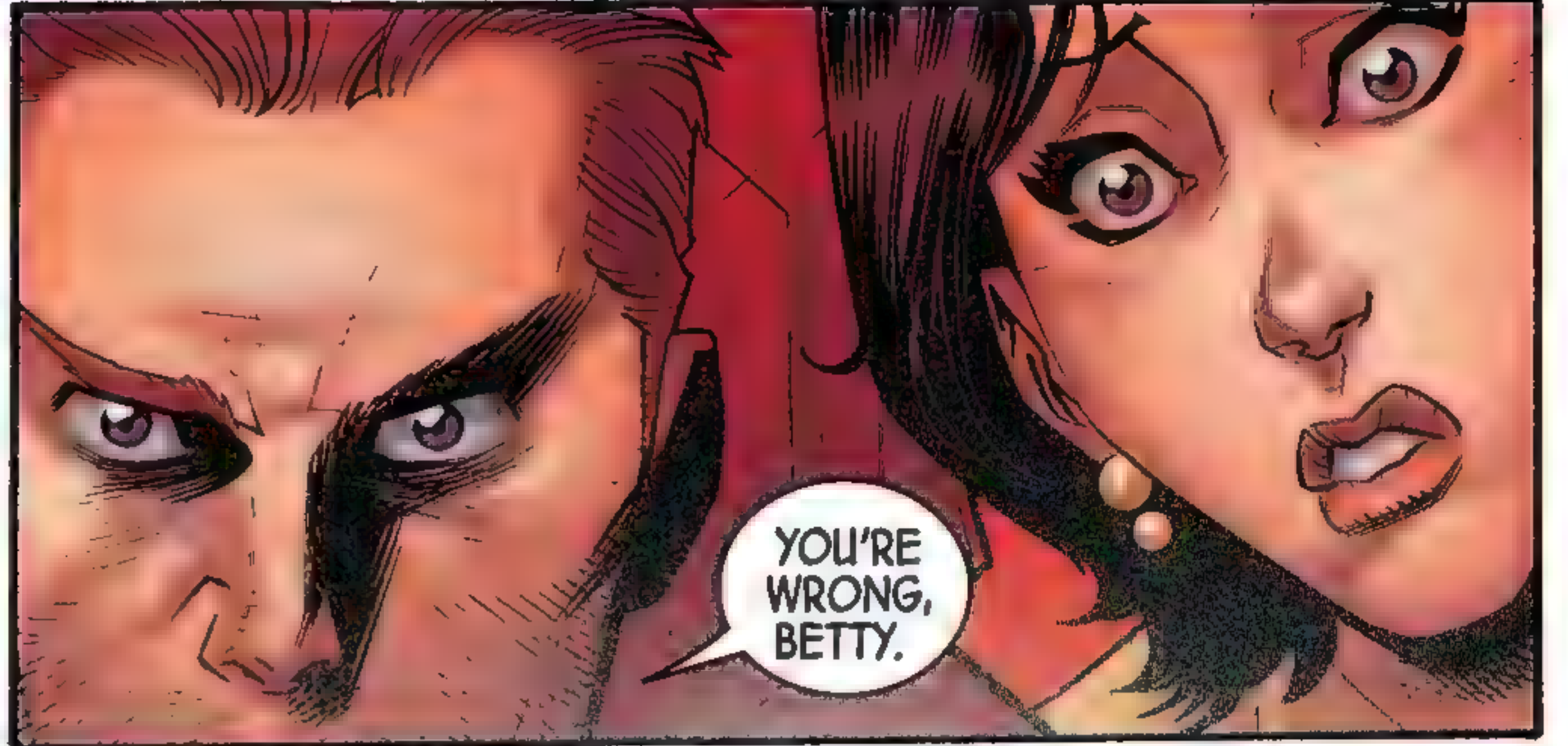
RRRR?

STAGE THREE:

GIANT-SIZED WOLVERINE.



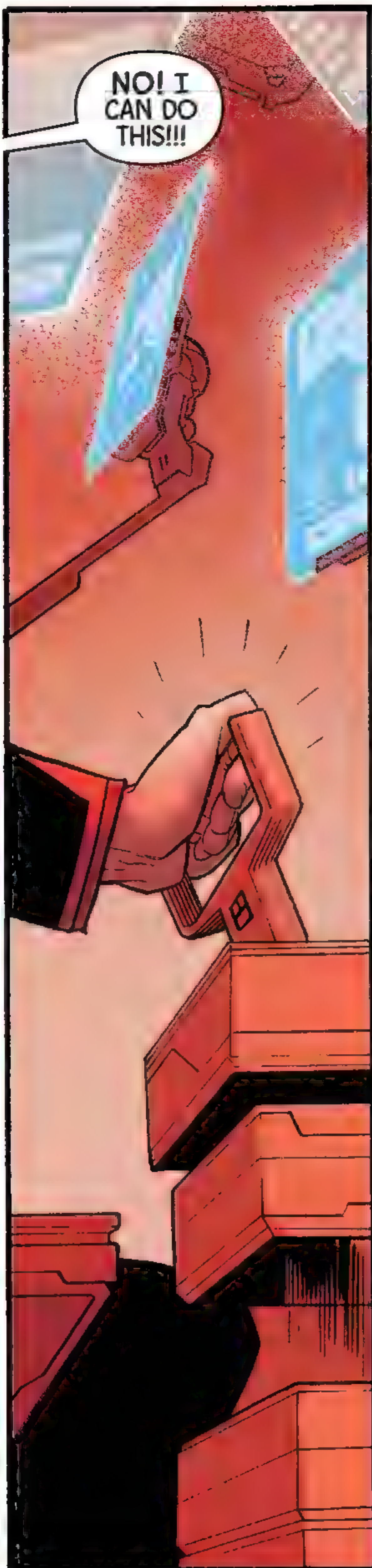


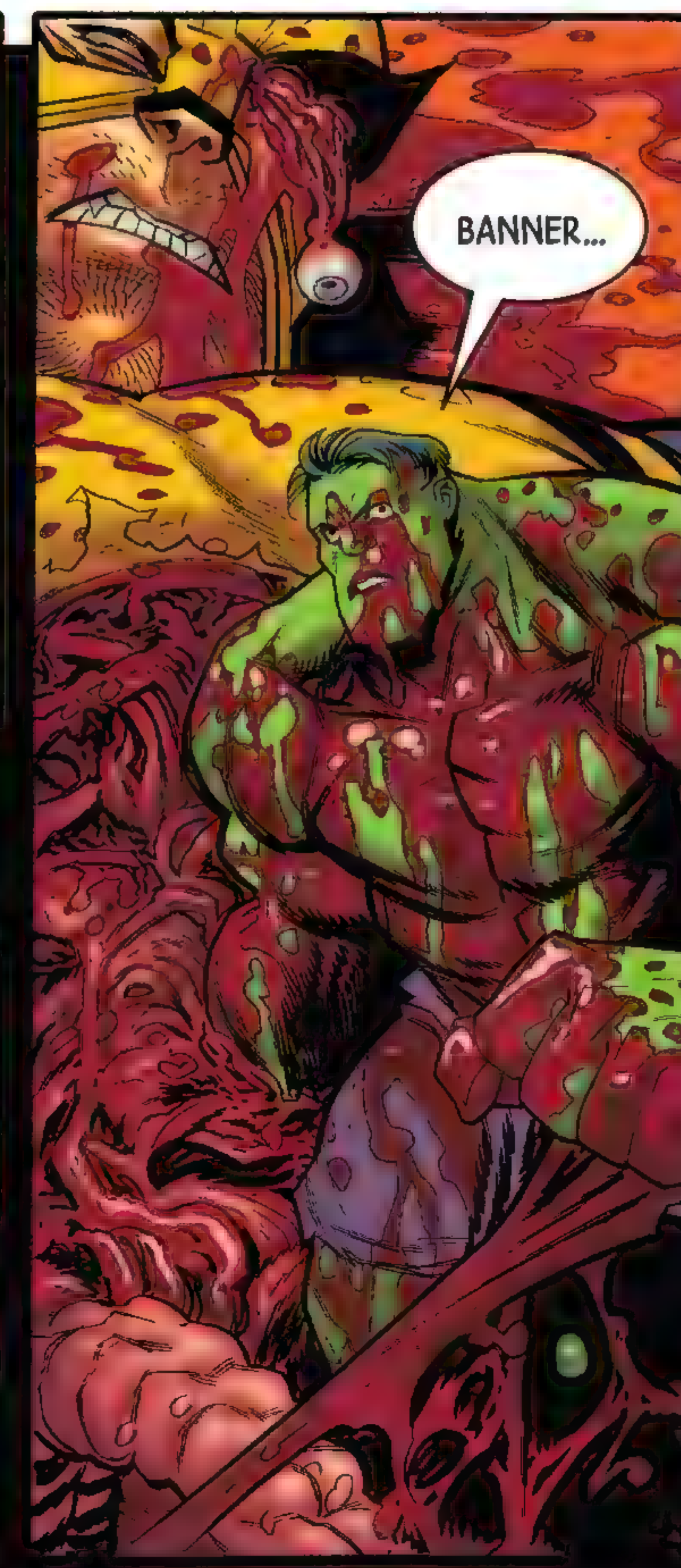




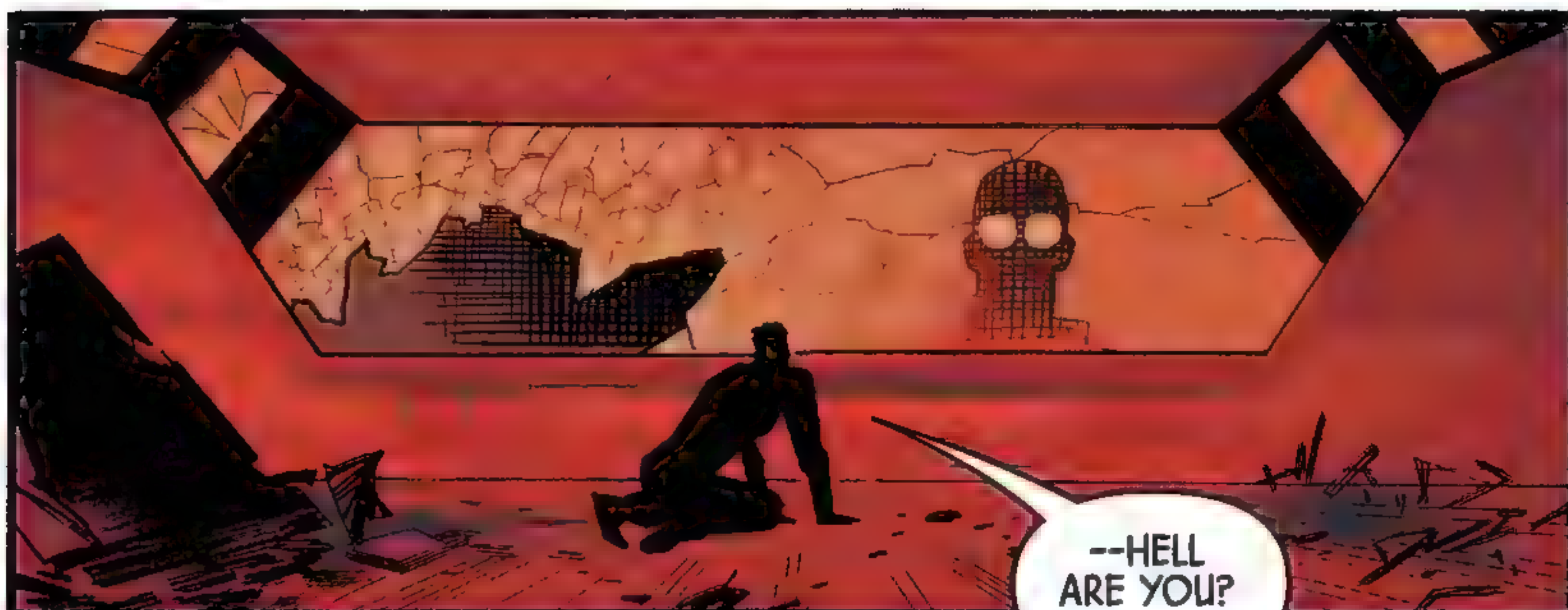
YES! ALL
RIGHT, NOW LET'S
GET THE HELL
OUT OF--











A full-page comic book illustration of Doctor Bruce Banner. He is a bald man with a serious expression, wearing thick-rimmed glasses and a dark, buttoned lab coat over a dark turtleneck. He is holding a cane with a red and black handle in his right hand. The background is a dark, industrial setting with green glowing panels and a cracked wall. A speech bubble is positioned near his head.

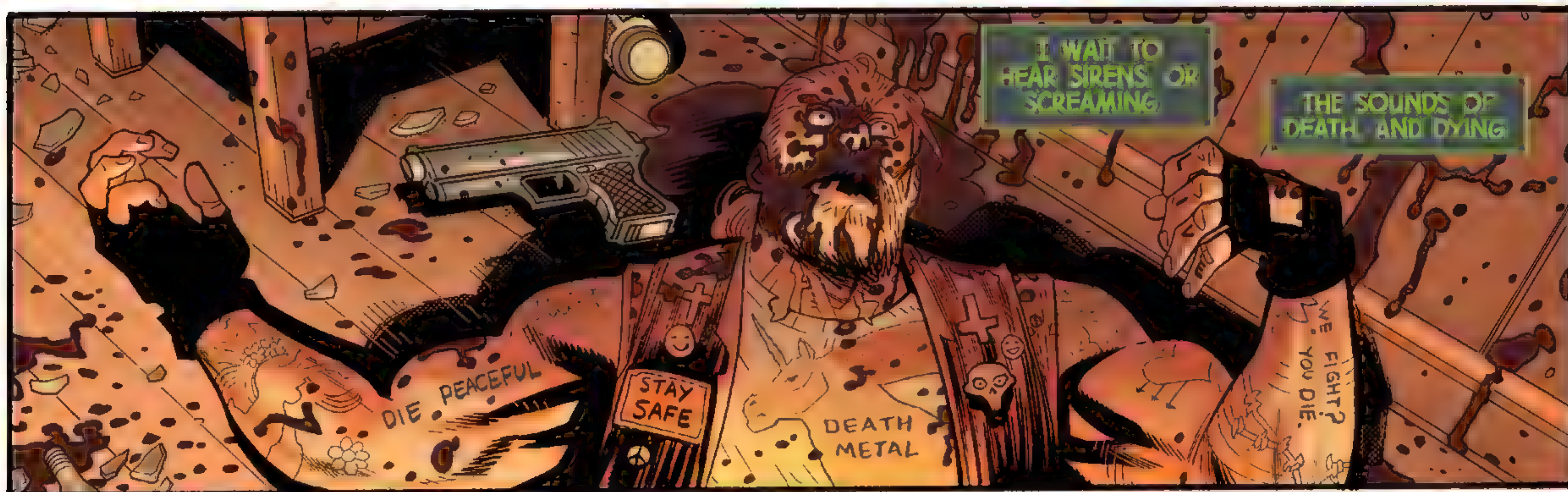
MY NAME
IS DOCTOR
BRUCE
BANNER.



HULK #1 VARIANT BY SIMONE BIANCHI



HULK #3



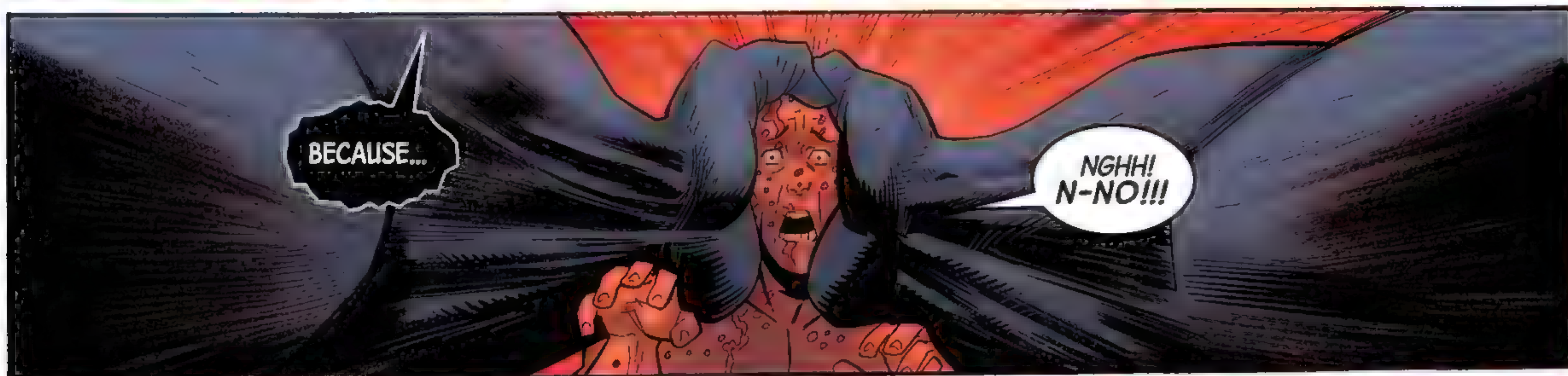
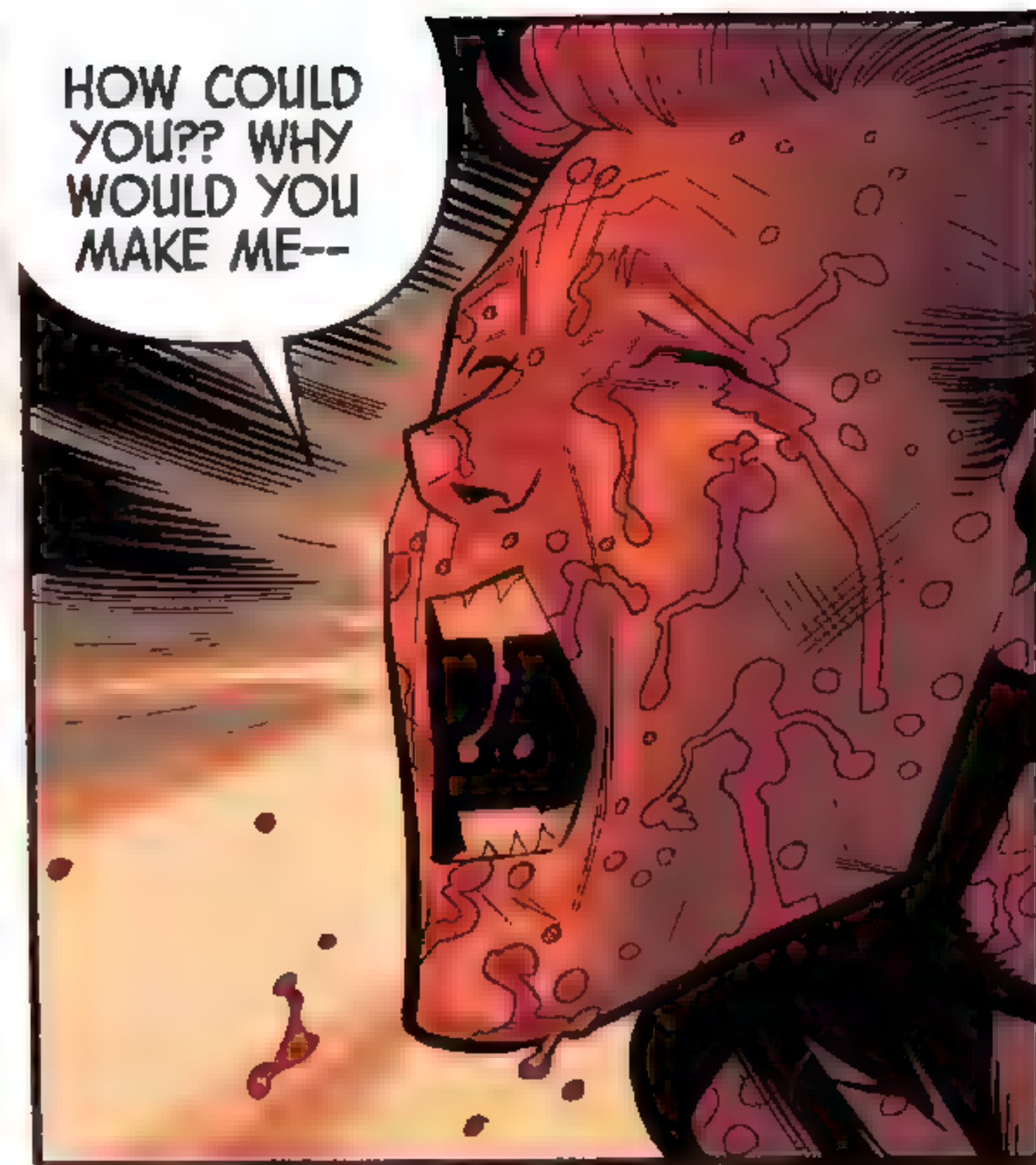
EL PASO. THEN.

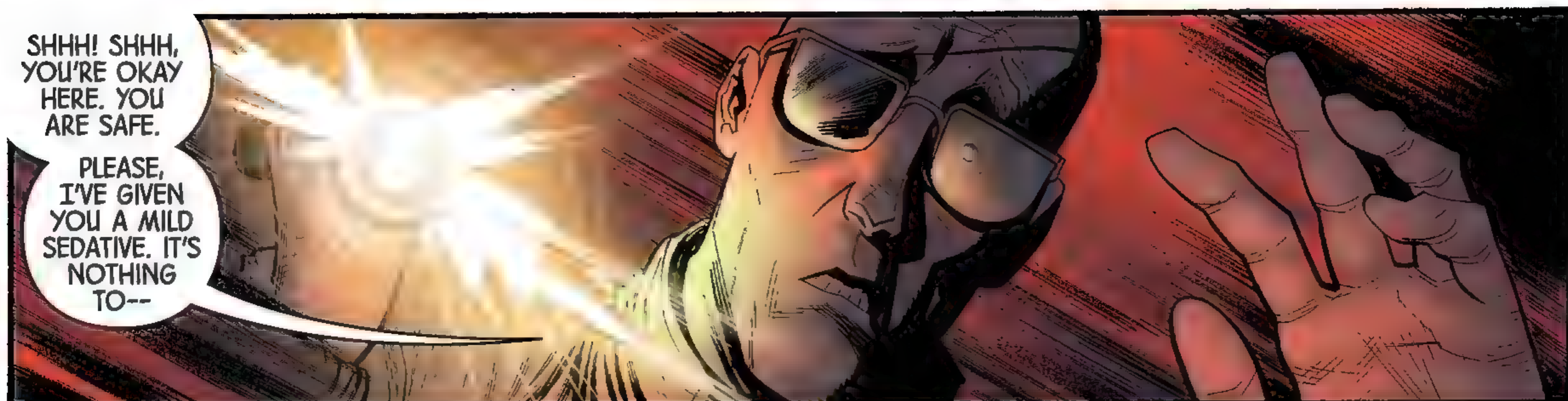


BUT I

I NEVER
FORGET

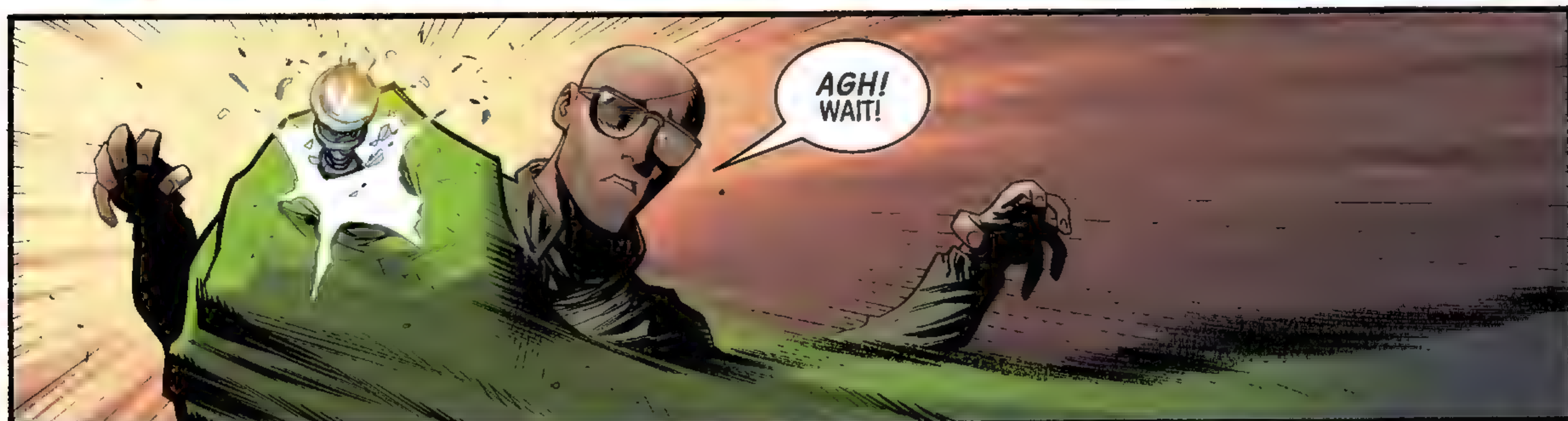






SHHH! SHHH,
YOU'RE OKAY
HERE. YOU
ARE SAFE.

PLEASE,
I'VE GIVEN
YOU A MILD
SEDATIVE. IT'S
NOTHING TO--

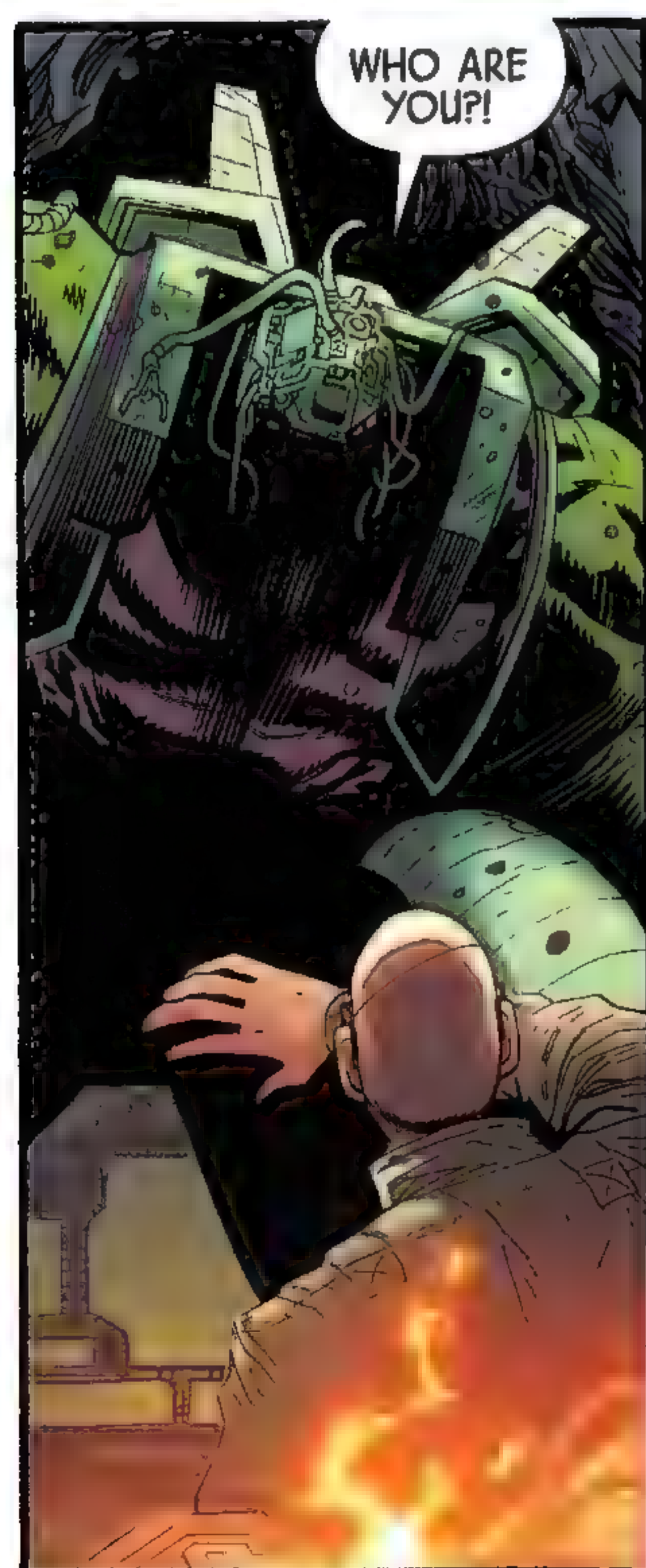


AGH!
WAIT!



WHAT IS
THIS?!

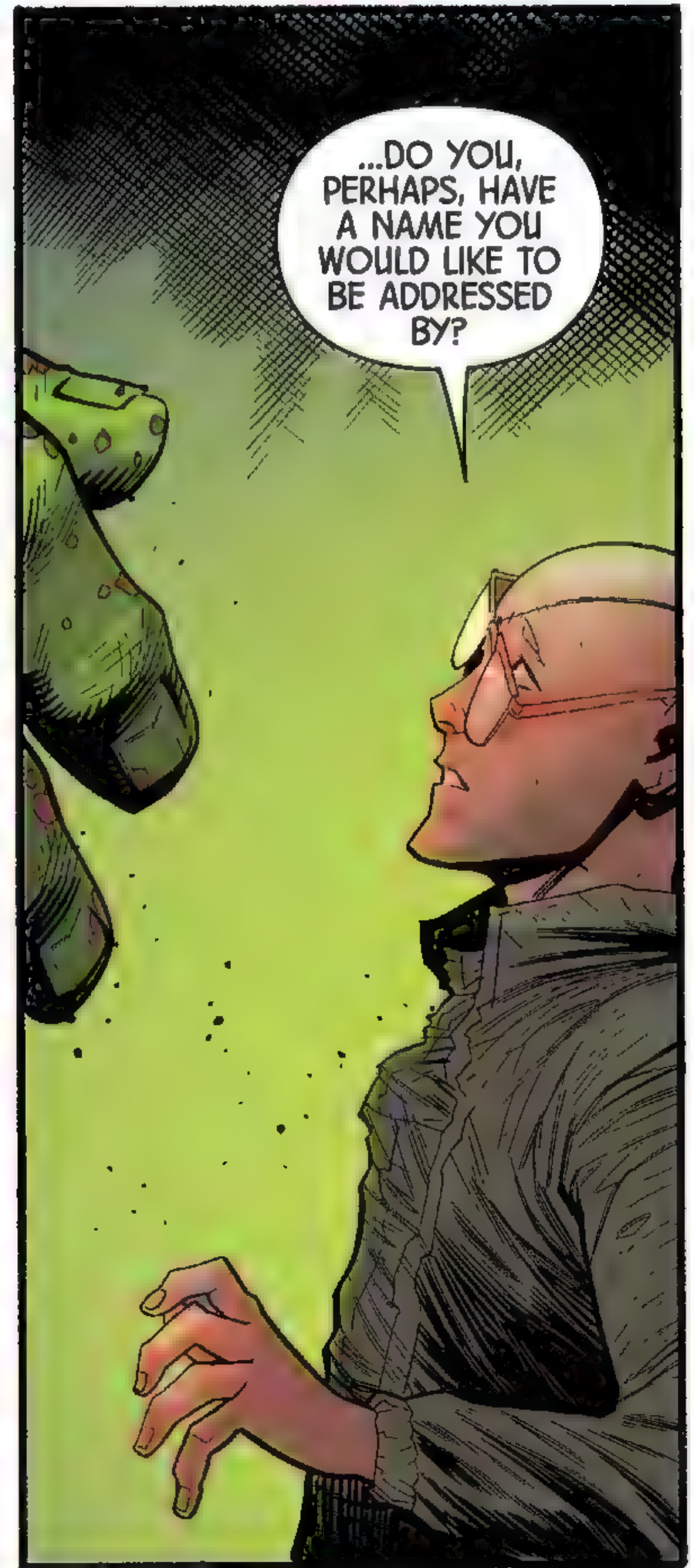
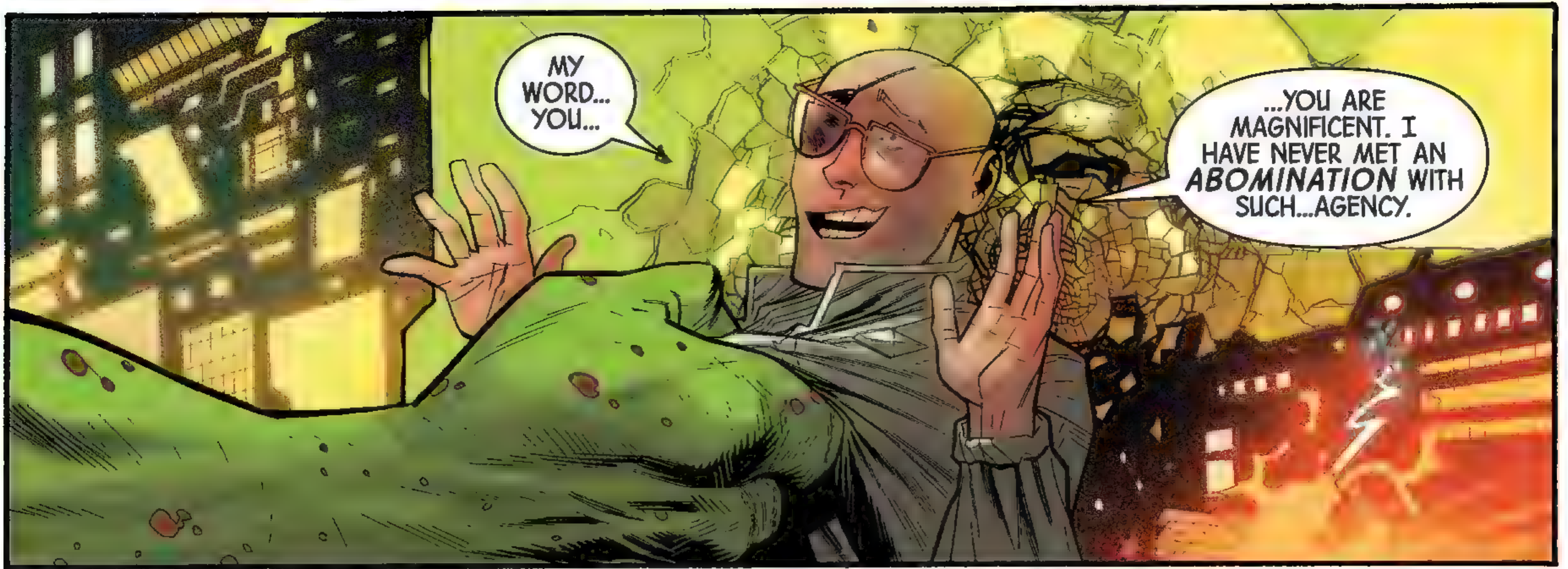
GAHH!
NO!!!



WHO ARE
YOU?!



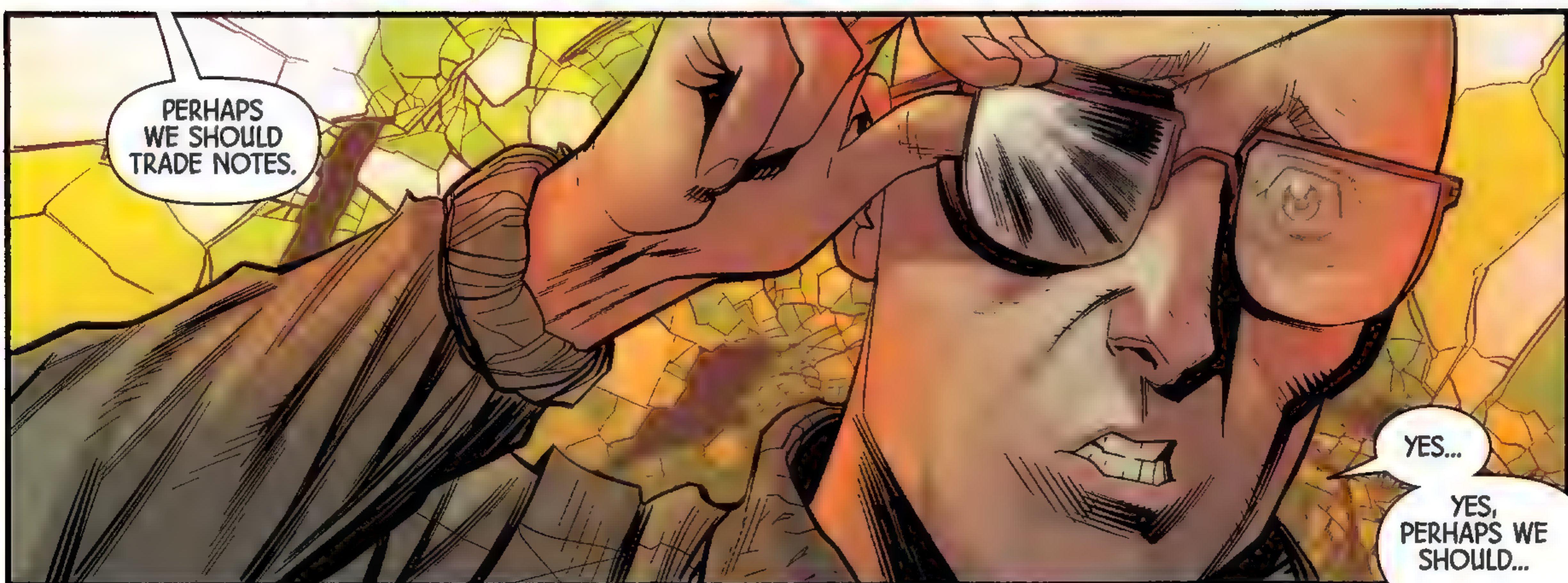
START.
TALKING.





MY NAME IS
ALSO DOCTOR
ROBERT BRUCE
BANNER.

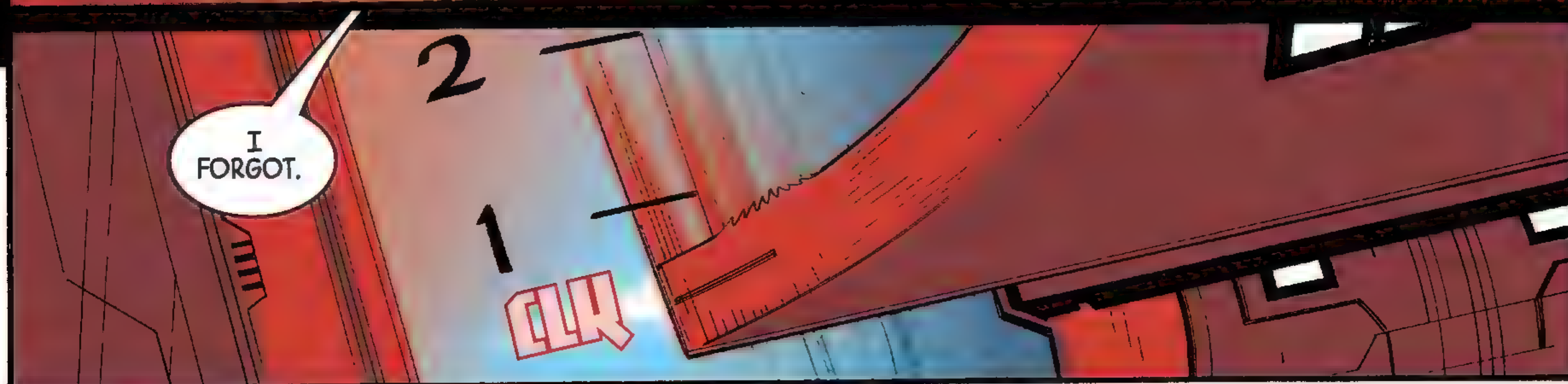
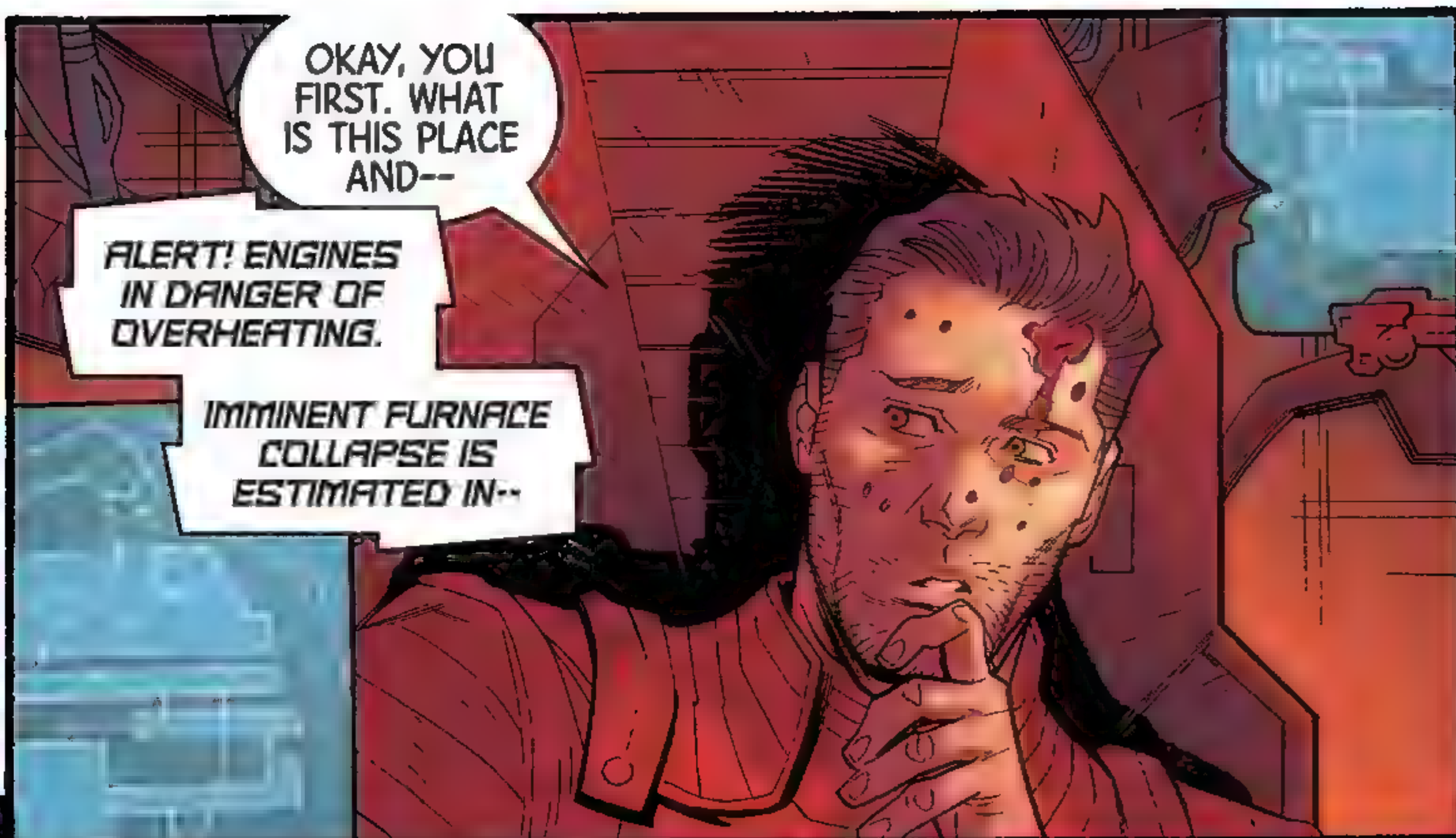
SOME
PEOPLE CALL ME
THE HULK.



PERHAPS
WE SHOULD
TRADE NOTES.

YES...

YES,
PERHAPS WE
SHOULD...





ENGINES AT
TEN PERCENT
AND HOLDING.

HUH?!



BOOM



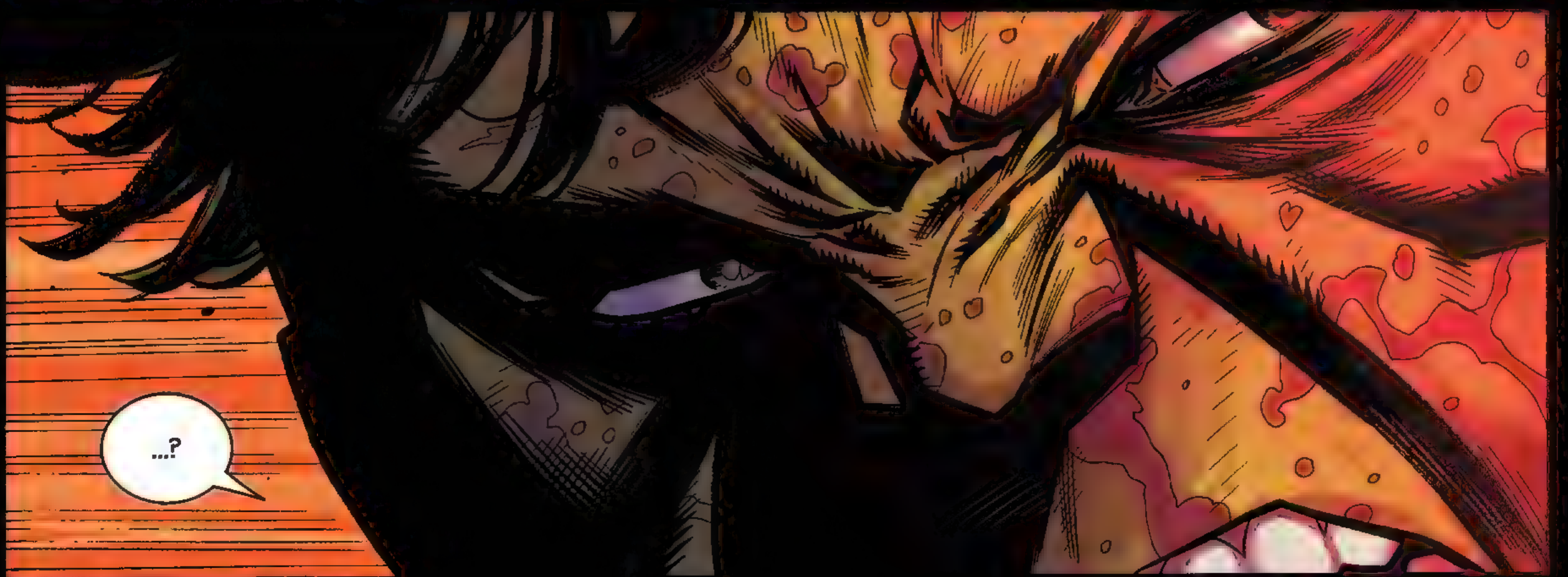
HGH
HGH

YOU...



...YOU
CANNOT CAGE
ME, BANNER.

NOT...NOT
FOREVER.



...?





SO, YES. TO MAKE A VERY LONG STORY SHORT...I WAS EXPOSED TO THE GAMMA RADIATION FROM THE TEST SITE THAT DAY. AND I, WELL, I TURNED INTO *THIS*. ON MY WORLD, THEY CALL ME THE HULK.

IT'S...A BIT MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT, BUT--



SIR, THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AND ENERGY READINGS FROM THE ENGINE ROOM. THE RADIATION SIGNATURES DOUBLED AND THEN SUDDENLY--

I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING. PLEASE, I'M IN THE--



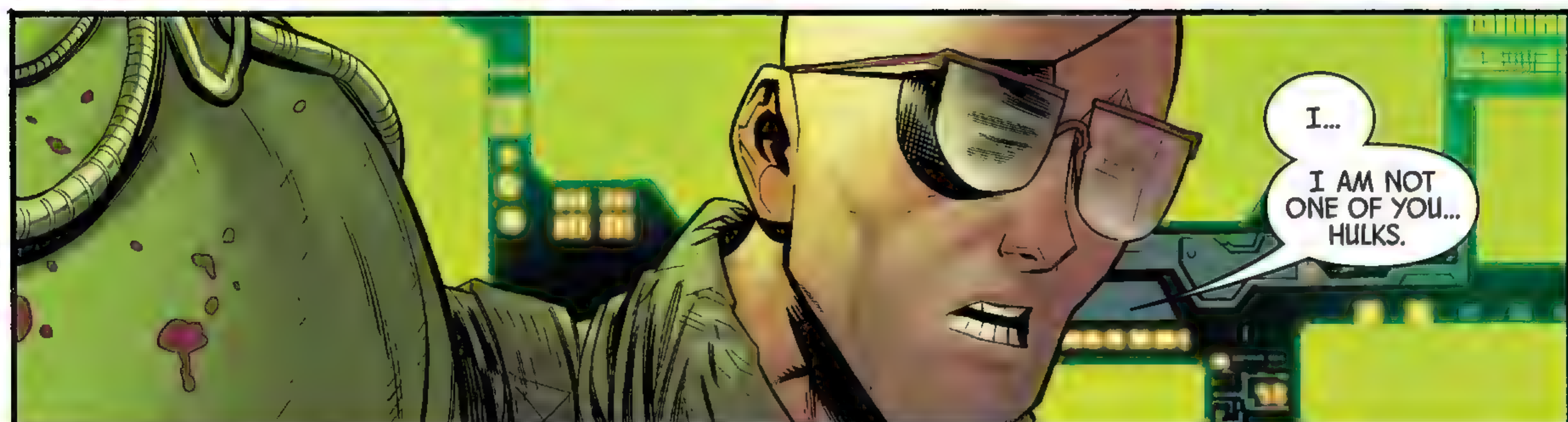
--MIDDLE OF A CONVERSATION.

I'M SORRY?

MY APOLOGIES. I'M SPEAKING TO MY SHIP'S COMPUTER.

PLEASE, I HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WORLD. HOW DID YOU FIND ME OUT THERE IN THAT... SUB-DIMENSIONAL RIFT? WHY WERE YOU SEARCHING FOR ME?

PERHAPS... TO FIND A CURE FOR YOUR OWN GAMMA MUTATION?



I...
I AM NOT ONE OF YOU...
HULKS.



I'M AFRAID I'M SOMETHING MUCH, MUCH WORSE...

"YOU SEE..."

"...HERE ON
MY WORLD..."

"...THE EXPERIMENT...
THE G-BOMB..."

"IT WAS A
SUCCESS."

"I DREAMT
THAT DAY..."

"I DREAMT
OF A GREEN
WORLD."

"EVERY HOME AND
CAR AND TELEVISION
AND LIGHT BULB...ALL
POWERED BY AN
UNLIMITED AMOUNT
OF FREE POWER..."

"BUT...
I WAS...
NAIVE."

"I DIDN'T
KNOW THE
DARK SIDE
OF POWER."

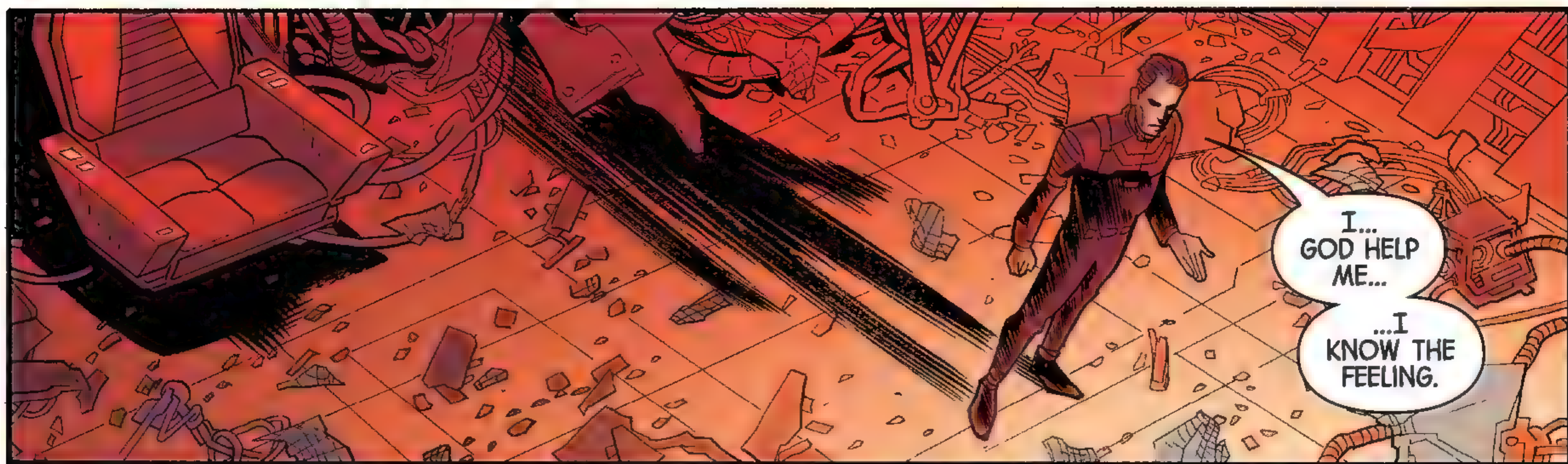
"I THOUGHT
MYSELF A PIONEER.
A SAVIOR PERHAPS..."

"INSTEAD...
IN THAT
MOMENT..."

"...I BECAME
DEATH..."

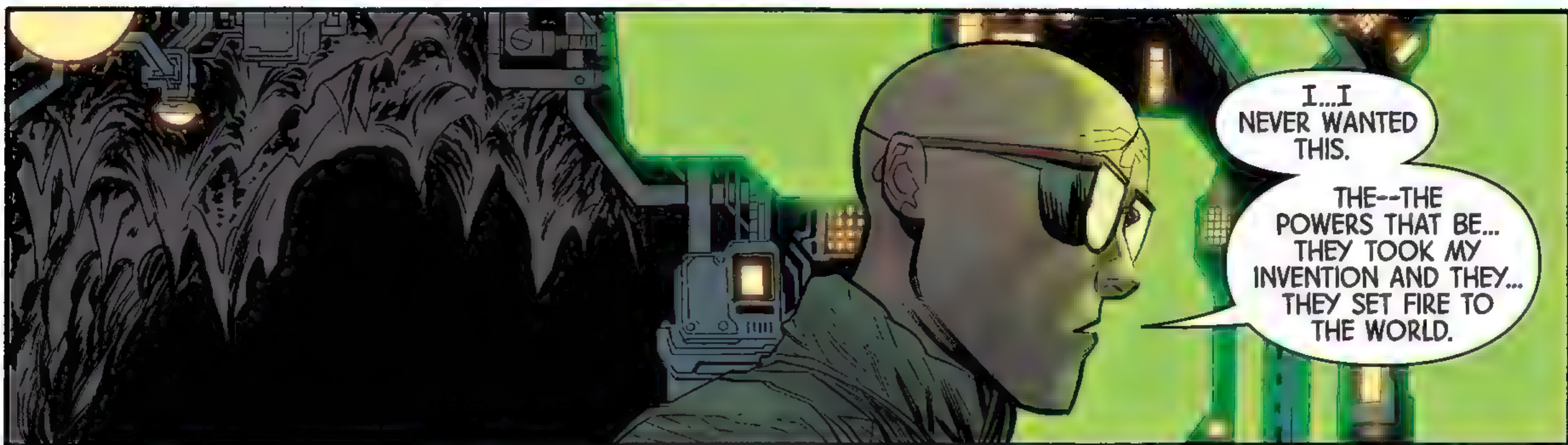
"...DESTROYER
OF WORLDS."





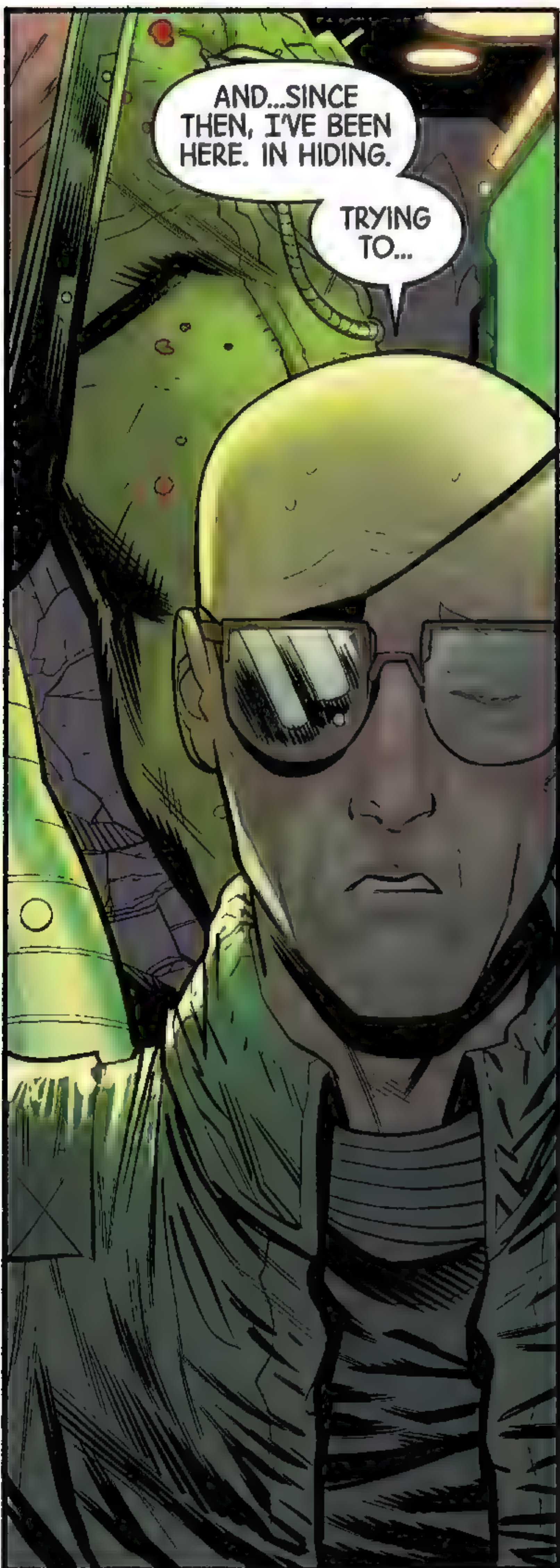
I...
GOD HELP
ME...

...I
KNOW THE
FEELING.



I...I
NEVER WANTED
THIS.

THE--THE
POWERS THAT BE...
THEY TOOK MY
INVENTION AND THEY...
THEY SET FIRE TO
THE WORLD.



AND...SINCE
THEN, I'VE BEEN
HERE. IN HIDING.

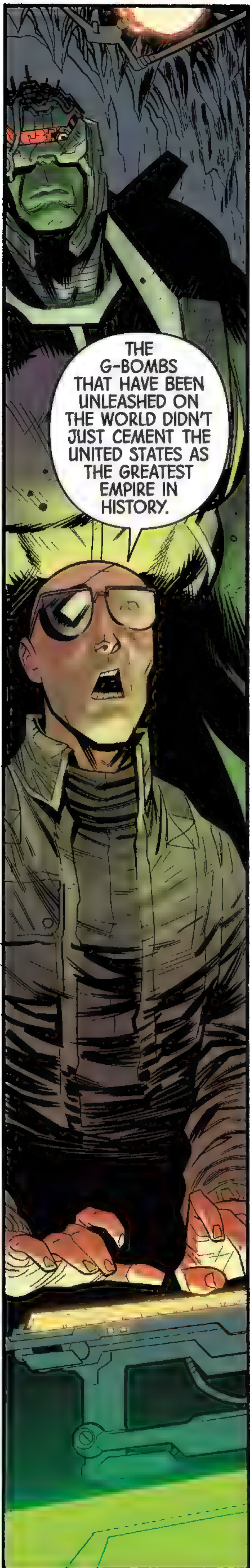
TRYING
TO...



...TRYING TO
ATONE FOR THE EVIL
I HAVE UNLEASHED ON
THE WORLD.



WHICH...IN
A ROUNDABOUT
WAY...IS WHY I WAS
TRYING TO FIND
YOU.



THE G-BOMBS THAT HAVE BEEN UNLEASHED ON THE WORLD DIDN'T JUST CEMENT THE UNITED STATES AS THE GREATEST EMPIRE IN HISTORY.



THE ENSUING RADIATION FROM THESE ATTACKS...WELL, THE PUBLIC AT LARGE DOES NOT KNOW THIS, BUT...



...EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE...

...SOMETHING... **AMAZING** HAPPENS IN THE FALLOUT.

SOMETIMES, THERE ARE SURVIVORS. THE MILITARY CLASSIFIES THEM AS "BIOWASTE CASUALTIES," BUT IN REALITY, THEY--



THEY'RE LIKE ME.

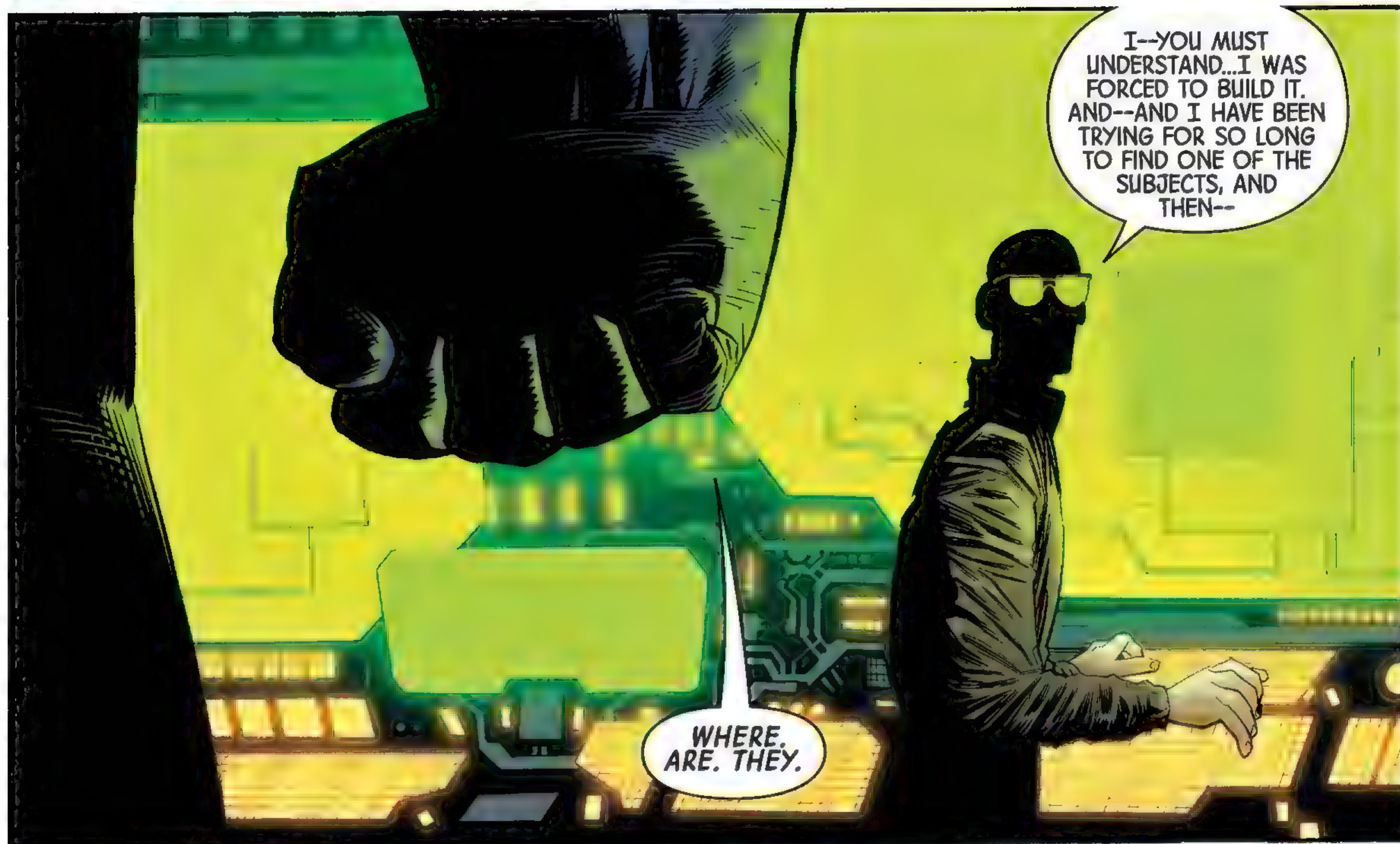


THEY'RE
MONSTERS



...YES. IT IS...
HORRIBLE. I AM
SURE THIS MUST BE...
DIFFICULT FOR
YOU.

WHERE ARE
THEY? THESE...
"ABOMINATIONS,"
AS YOU CALL
THEM.



I--YOU MUST
UNDERSTAND...I WAS
FORCED TO BUILD IT.
AND--AND I HAVE BEEN
TRYING FOR SO LONG
TO FIND ONE OF THE
SUBJECTS, AND
THEN--

WHERE.
ARE. THEY.



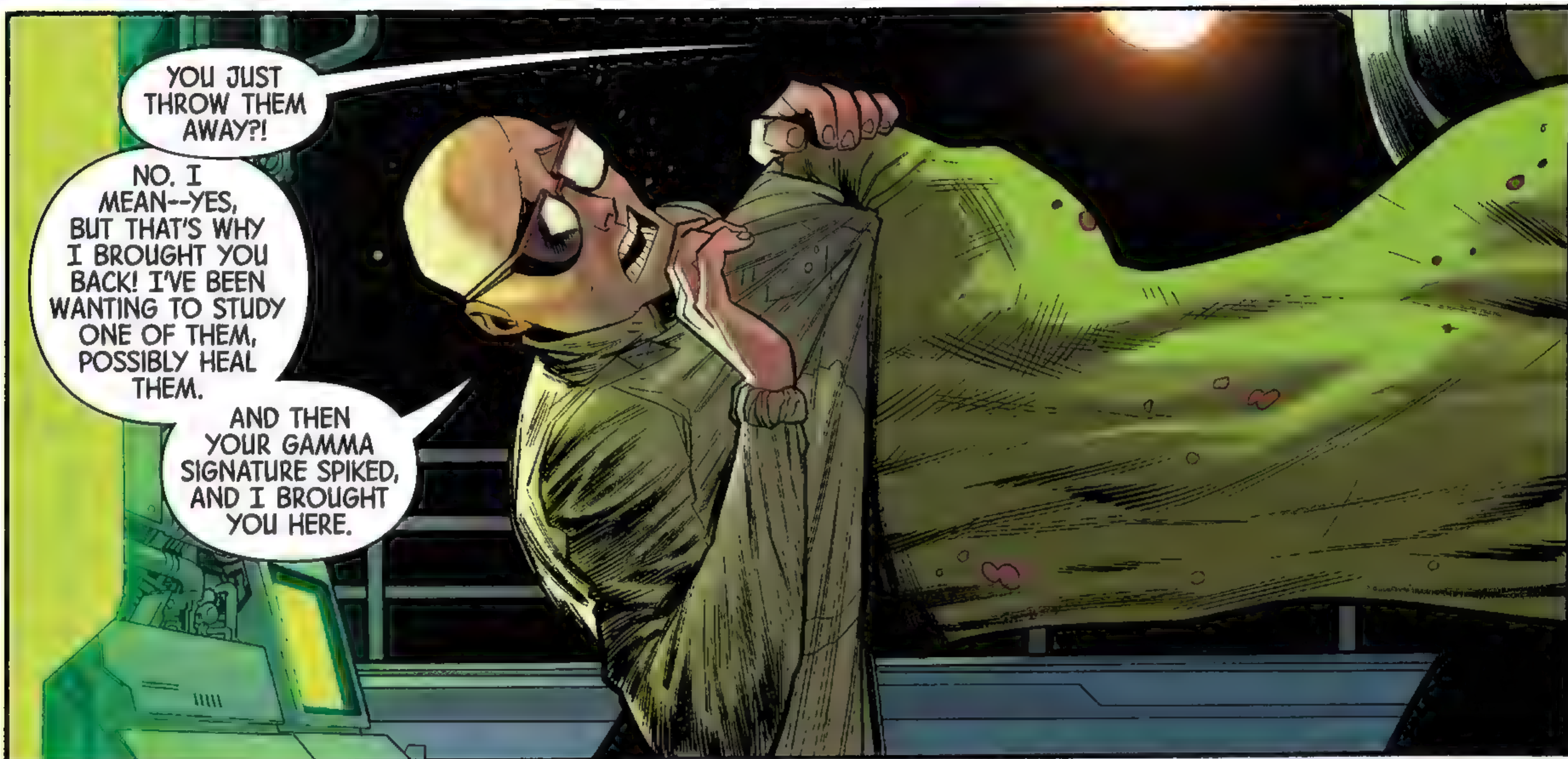
...
WHERE
I FOUND
YOU.



IN...
IN THE
VOID.



YOU'RE
TELLING ME THAT
YOU--YOU DESIGNED
THIS...THIS WHOLE
THING SO YOU COULD
DISPOSE OF
HULKS?



YOU JUST
THROW THEM
AWAY?!

NO. I
MEAN--YES,
BUT THAT'S WHY
I BROUGHT YOU
BACK! I'VE BEEN
WANTING TO STUDY
ONE OF THEM,
POSSIBLY HEAL
THEM.

AND THEN
YOUR GAMMA
SIGNATURE SPIKED,
AND I BROUGHT
YOU HERE.

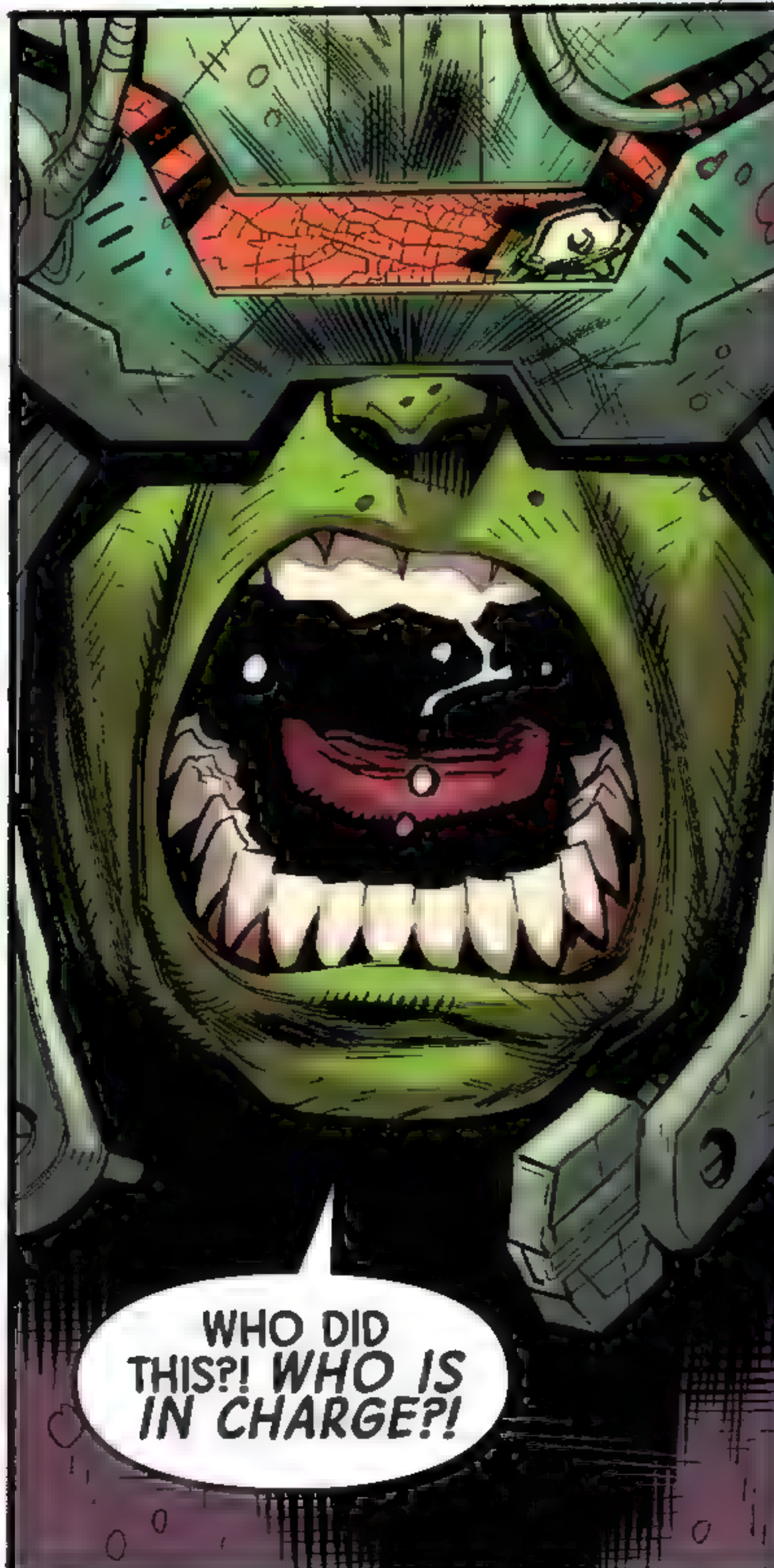


I--I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHERE THEY
GO!

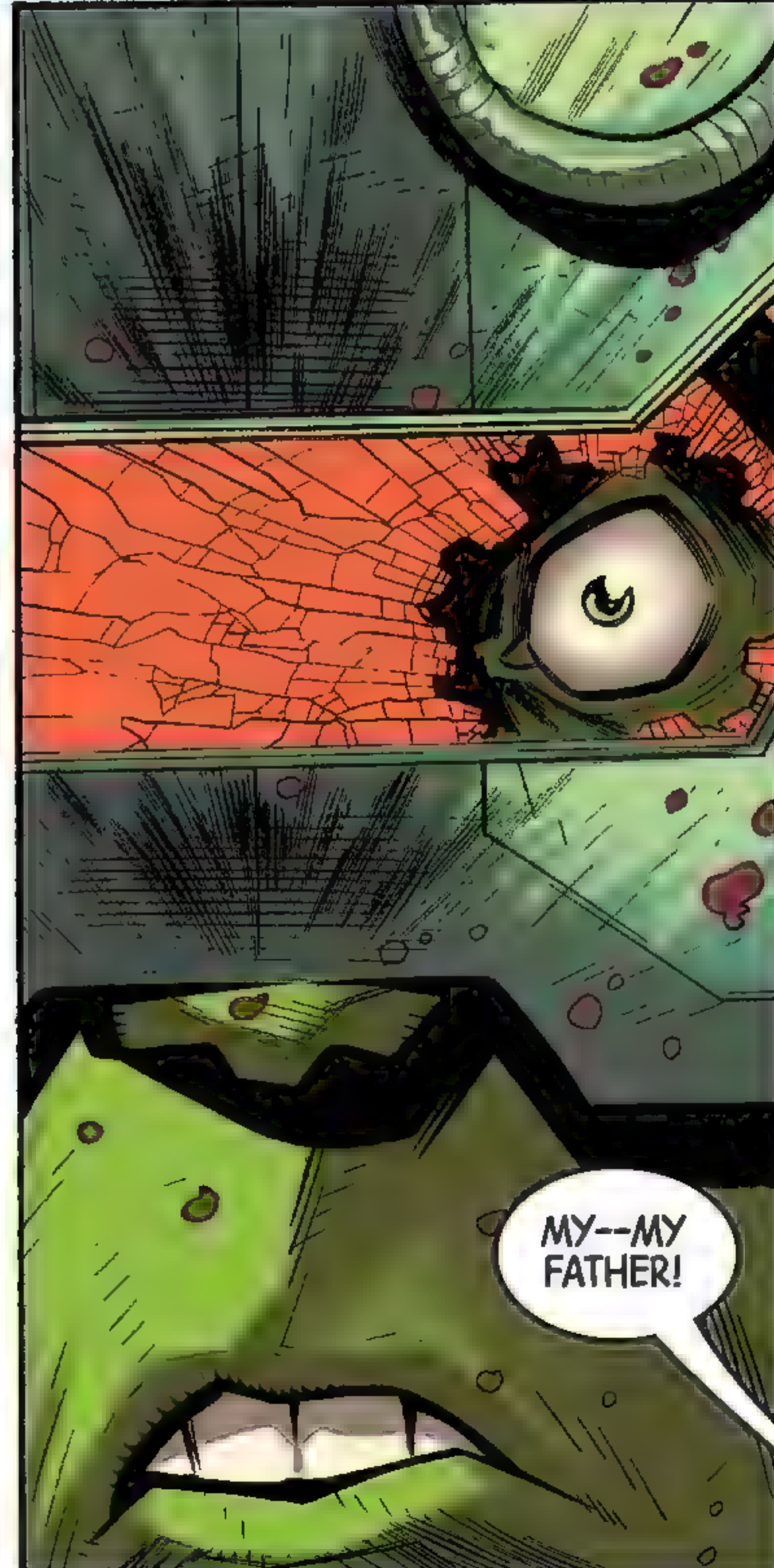
HE--HE
MADE ME
BUILD IT.

WHO?!

WHAT?!



WHO DID
THIS?! WHO IS
IN CHARGE?!



MY--MY
FATHER!

"MY FATHER-
IN-LAW..."

"...PRESIDENT
ROSS."





HULK #1 INFINITY SAGA PHASE 1 VARIANT BY JOE BENNETT, RUY JOSÉ & JAY DAVID RAMOS



HULK #1 2ND-PRINTING CHARACTER SKETCH VARIANT BY RYAN OTTLEY



HULK #1 VARIANT BY DAN JURGENS, BRETT BREEDING & ALEX SINCLAIR

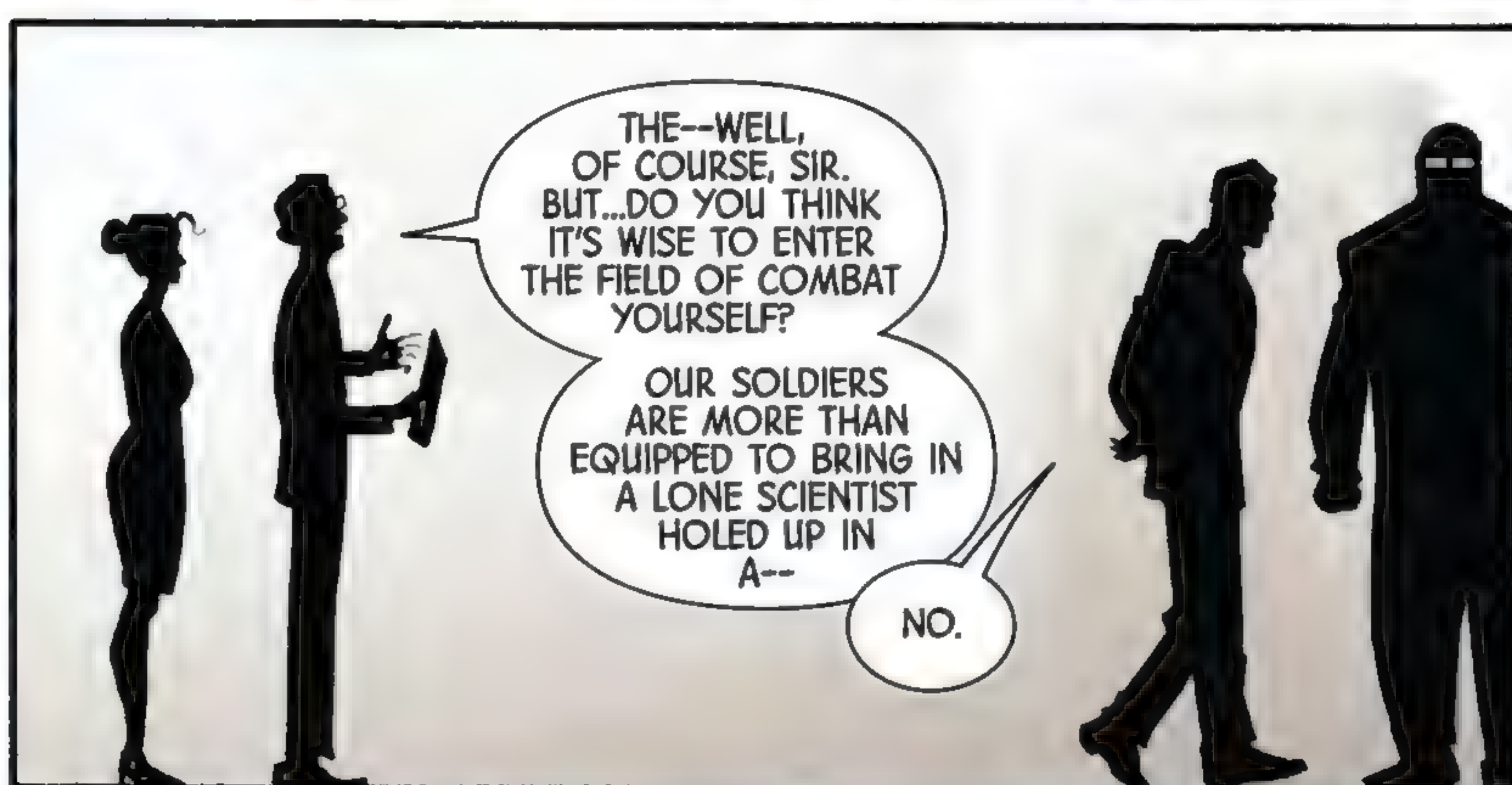


HULK #1 HIDDEN GEM VARIANT BY HERB TRIMPE & JASON KEITH



R. OTTLEY

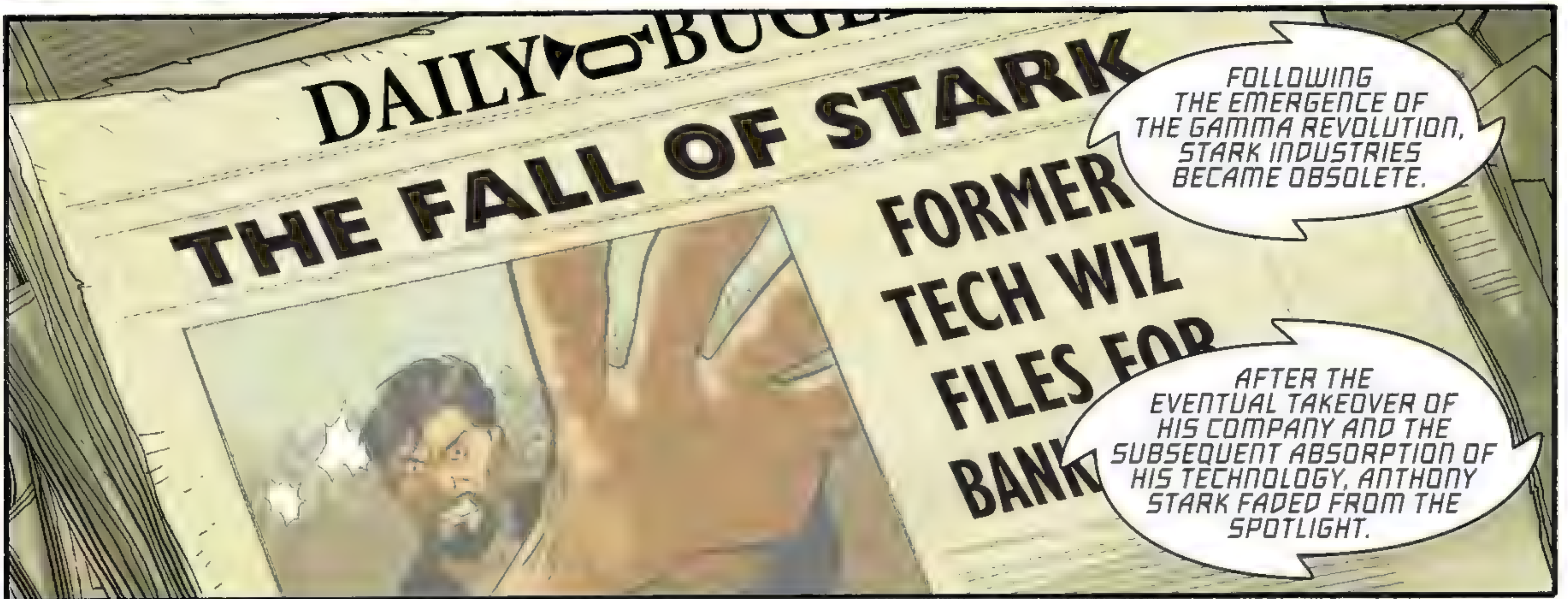
HULK #4





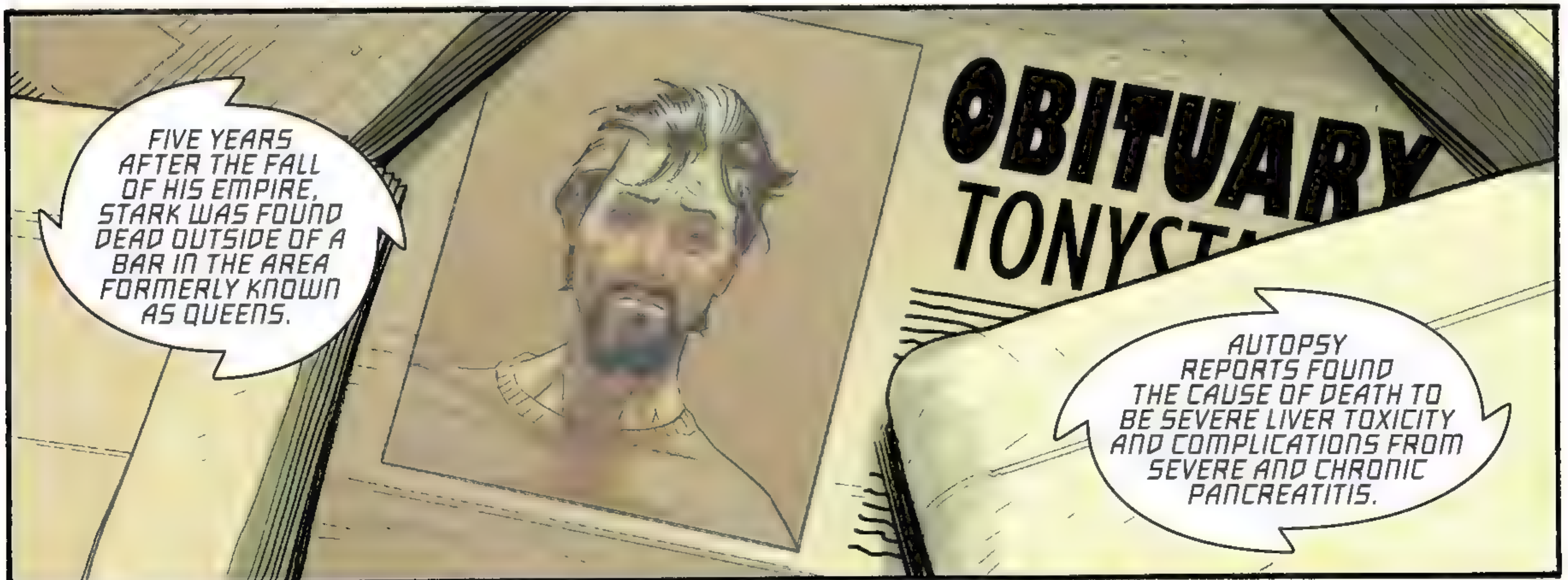
ANTHONY
STARK: WEAPONS
DEVELOPER.
ARMS DEALER.
INDUSTRIALIST.

DESIGNATION:
HOSTILE.
STATUS:
DECEASED.



FOLLOWING
THE EMERGENCE OF
THE GAMMA REVOLUTION,
STARK INDUSTRIES
BECAME OBSOLETE.

AFTER THE
EVENTUAL TAKEOVER OF
HIS COMPANY AND THE
SUBSEQUENT ABSORPTION OF
HIS TECHNOLOGY, ANTHONY
STARK FADED FROM THE
SPOTLIGHT.



FIVE YEARS
AFTER THE FALL
OF HIS EMPIRE,
STARK WAS FOUND
DEAD OUTSIDE OF A
BAR IN THE AREA
FORMERLY KNOWN
AS QUEENS.

AUTOPSY
REPORTS FOUND
THE CAUSE OF DEATH TO
BE SEVERE LIVER TOXICITY
AND COMPLICATIONS FROM
SEVERE AND CHRONIC
PANCREATITIS.



HE
LEFT NO
HEIRS.



THE X-MEN:
SUPER-POWERED
STRIKEFORCE. CHILDREN
OF THE ATOM.

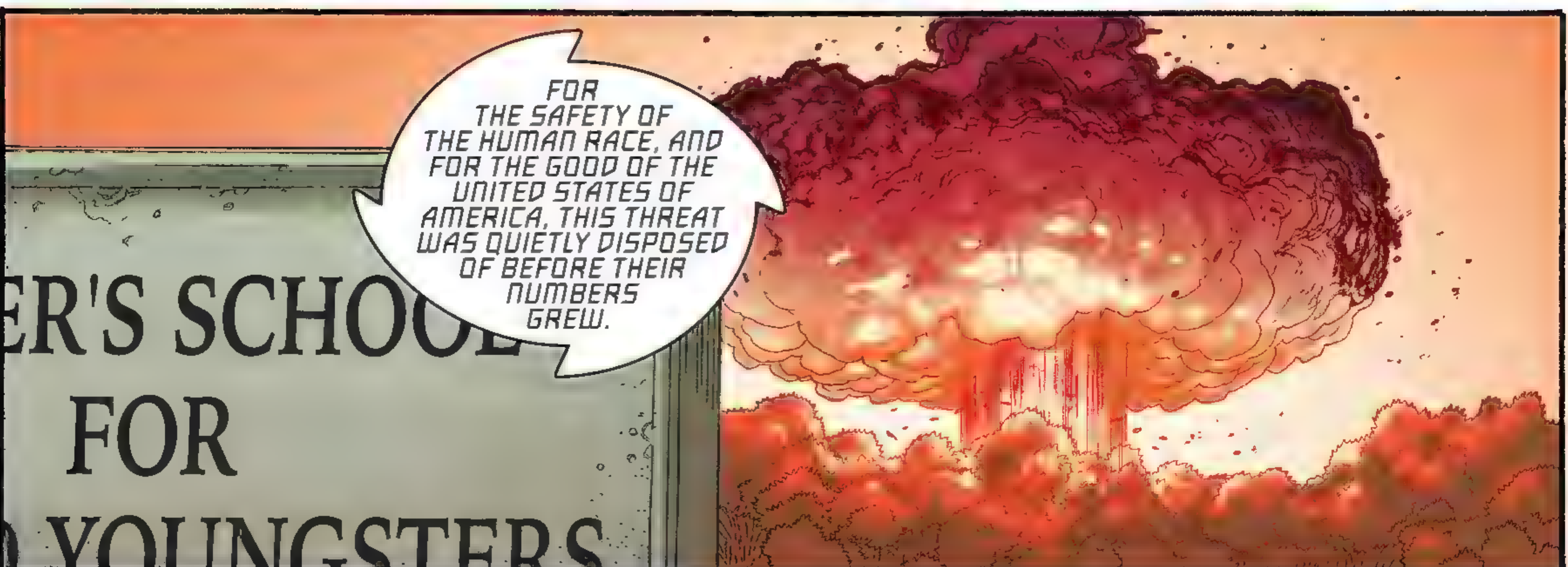
DESIGNATION:
HOSTILE. STATUS:
EXTERMINATED.



THOUGH
THEIR ALMOST
IMMEDIATE ERADICATION
DID NOT ALLOW FOR
ADEQUATE GENETIC
TESTING...



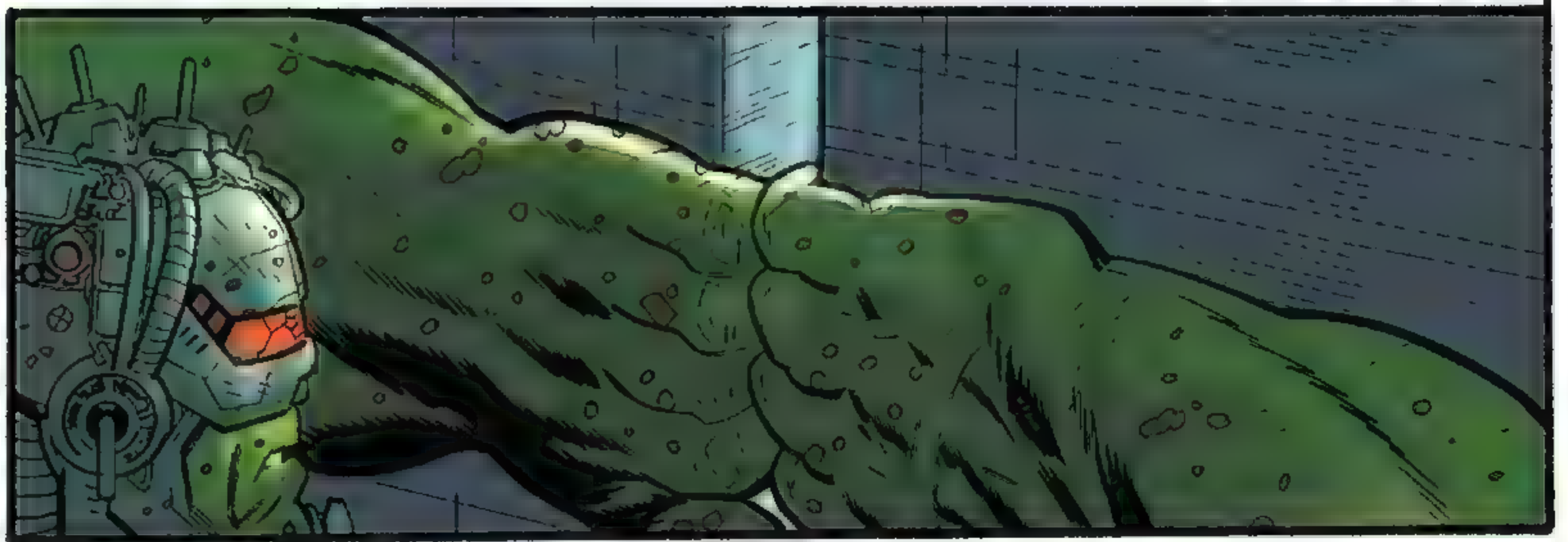
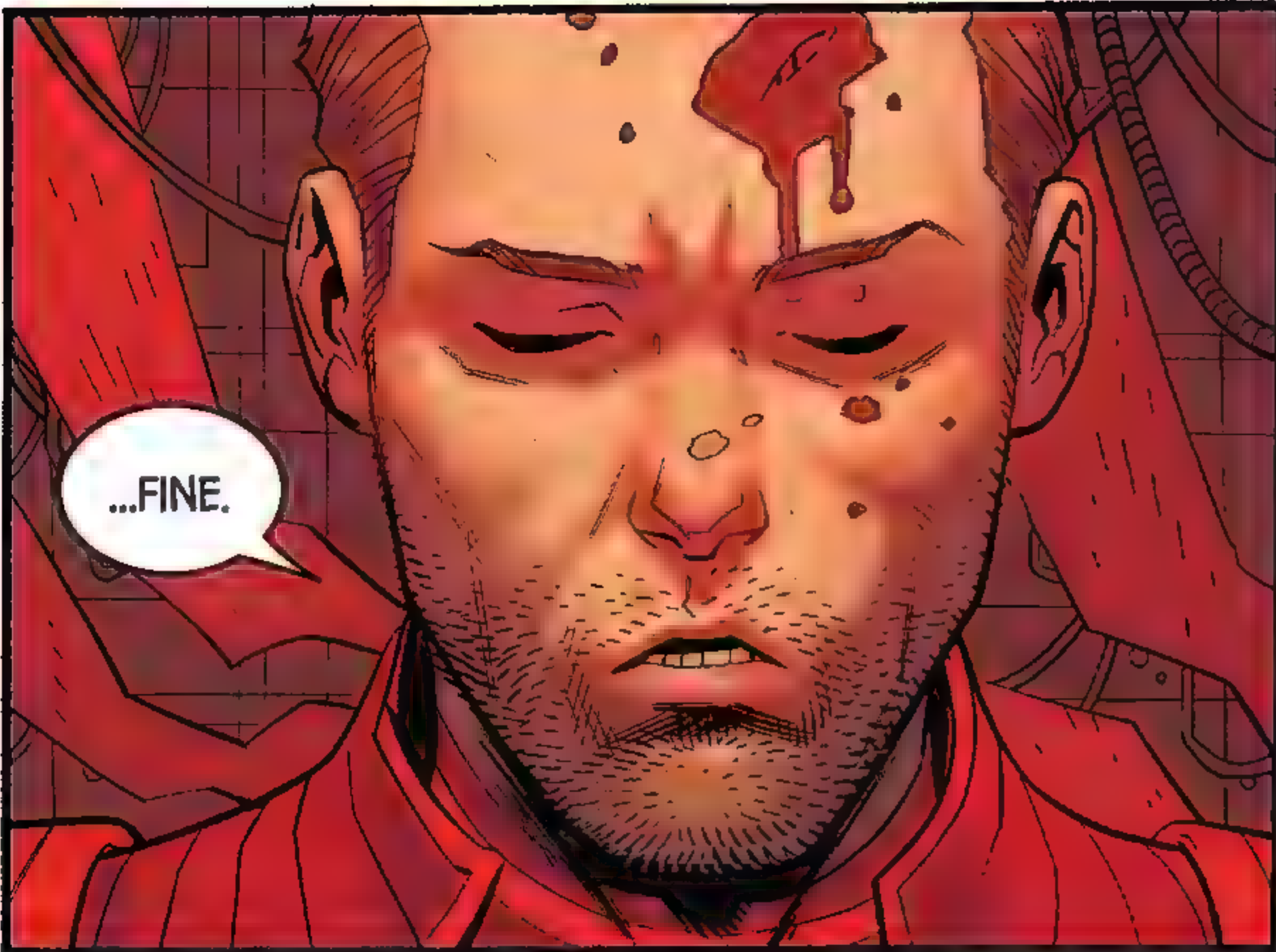
...THIS
SUDDEN
OUTBREAK OF
"MUTANTKIND" WAS
BELIEVED TO BE
CREATED BY
THE FALLOUT OF
GAMMA
TESTING.



FOR
THE SAFETY OF
THE HUMAN RACE, AND
FOR THE GOOD OF THE
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, THIS THREAT
WAS QUIETLY DISPOSED
OF BEFORE THEIR
NUMBERS
GREW.

ER'S SCHOOL
FOR
YOUNGSTERS

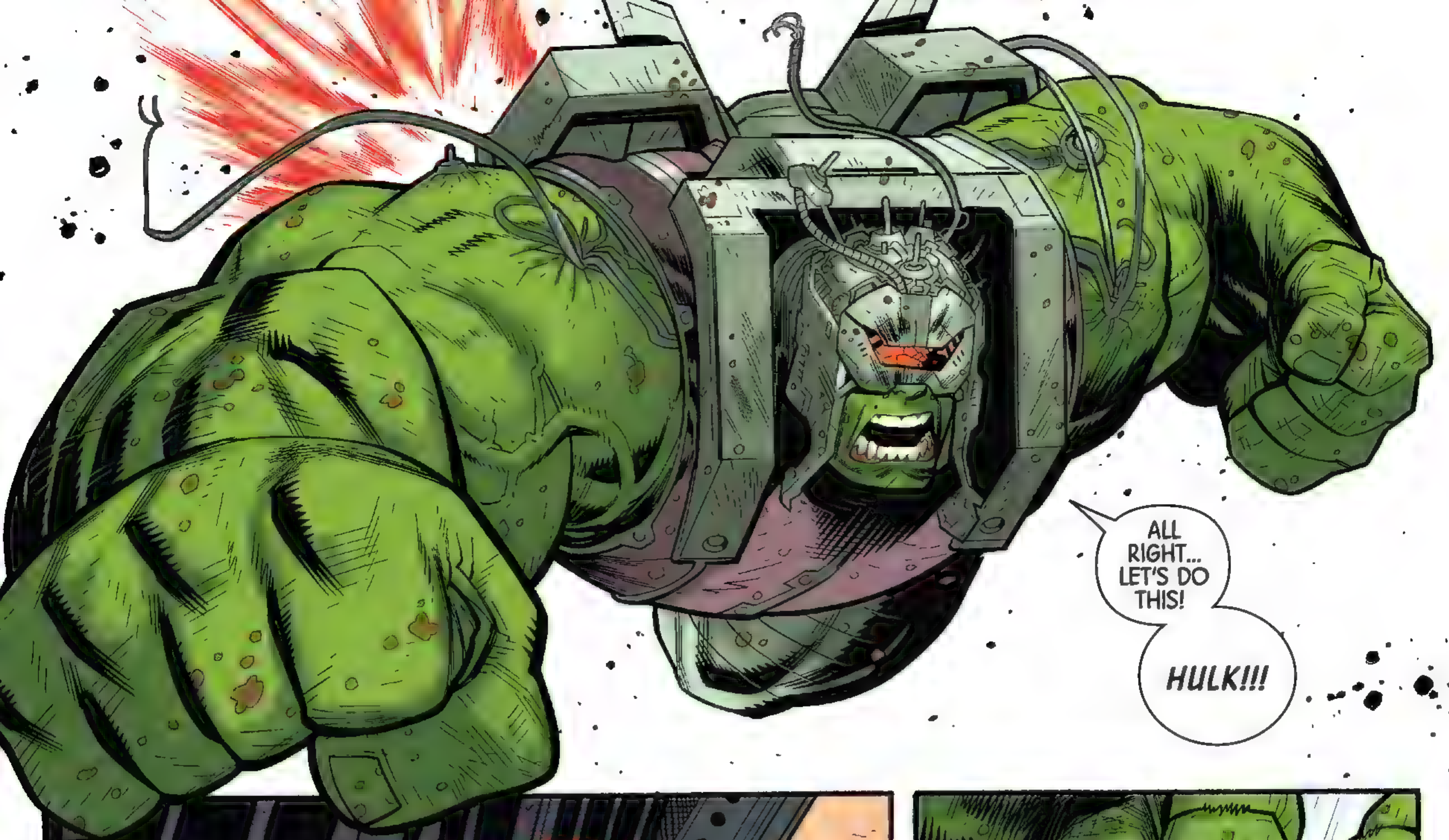




...SHOULDA
SENT MORE.





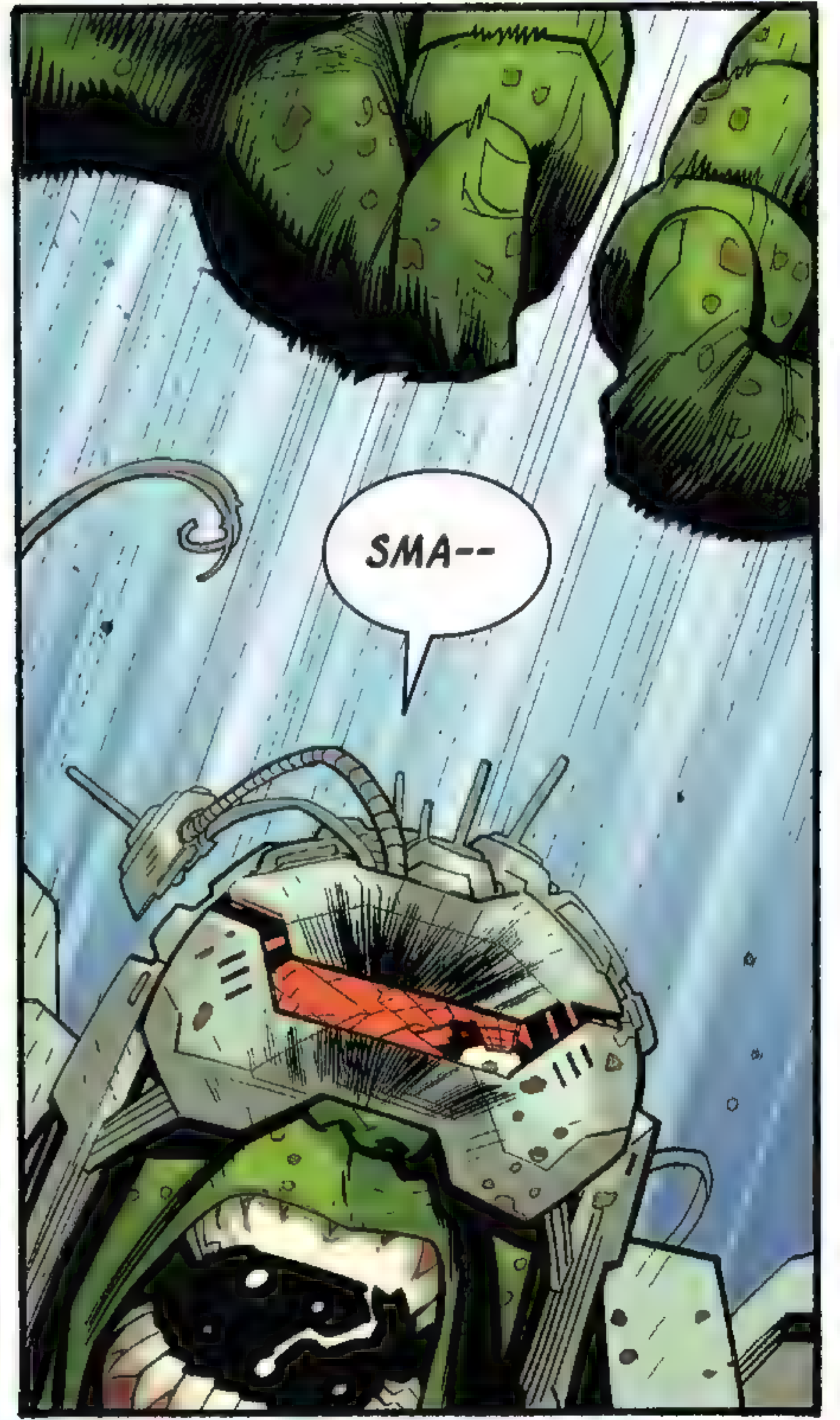


ALL
RIGHT...
LET'S DO
THIS!

HULK!!!

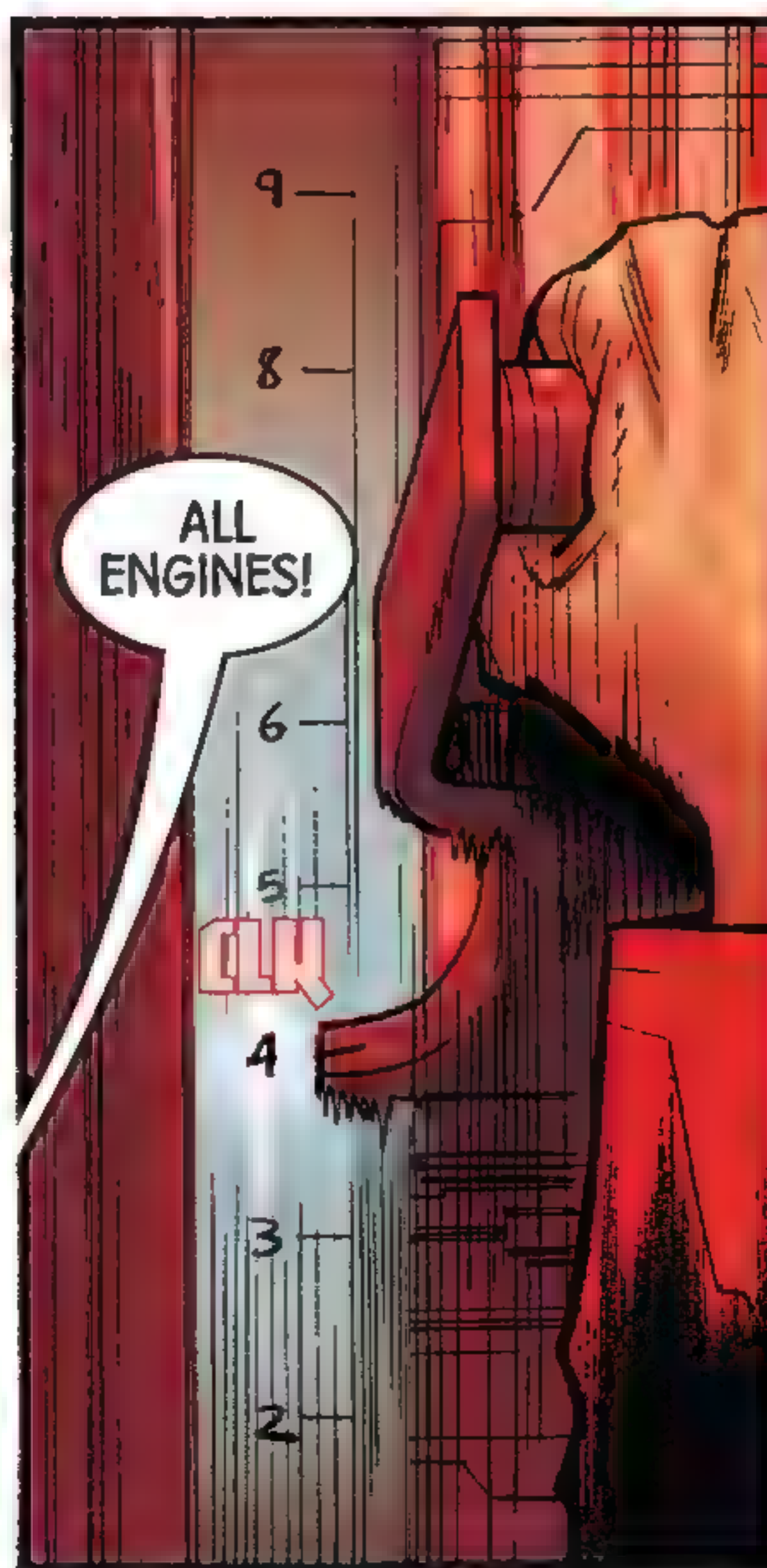


FIRE!!!



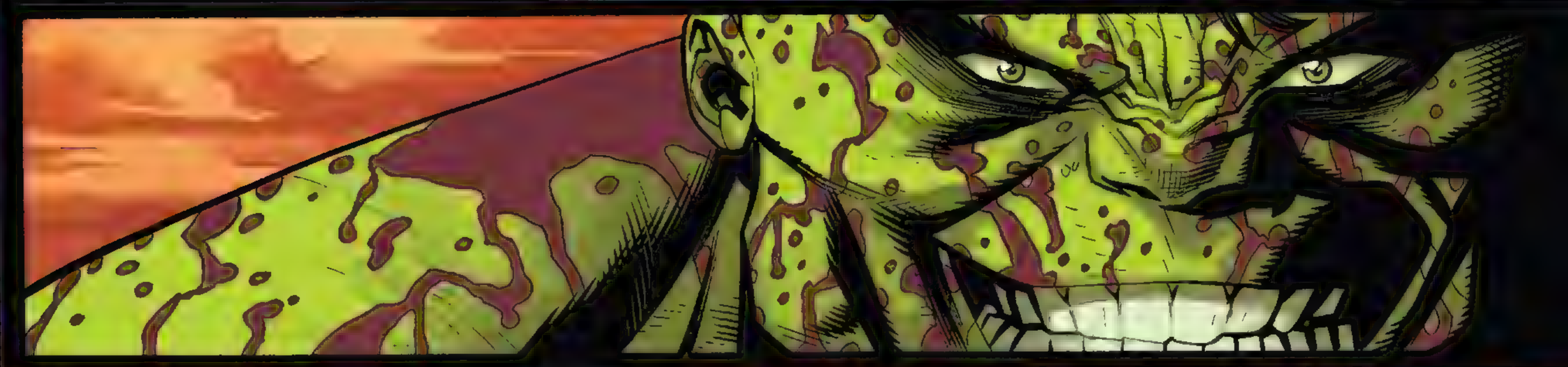
SMA--

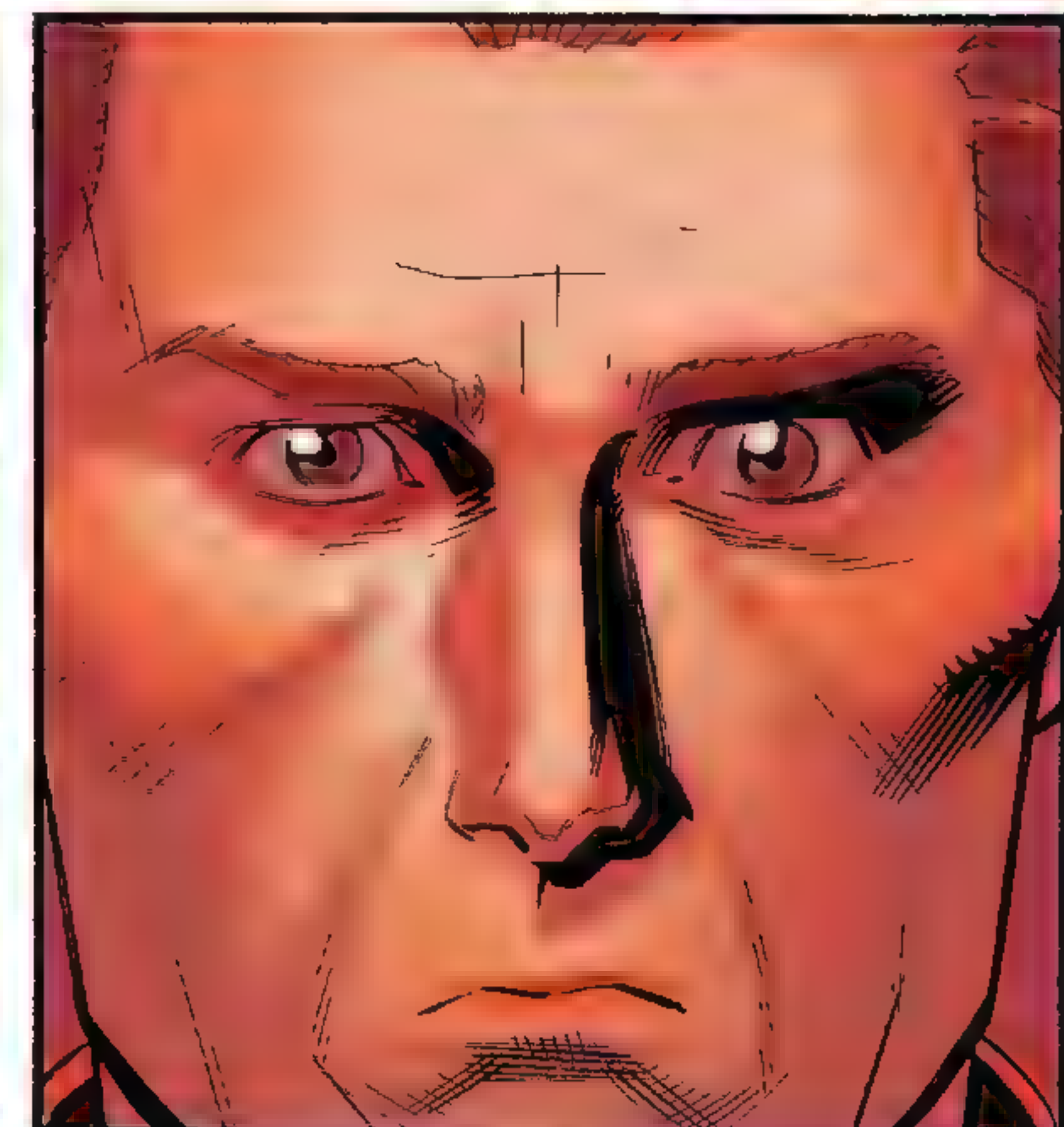
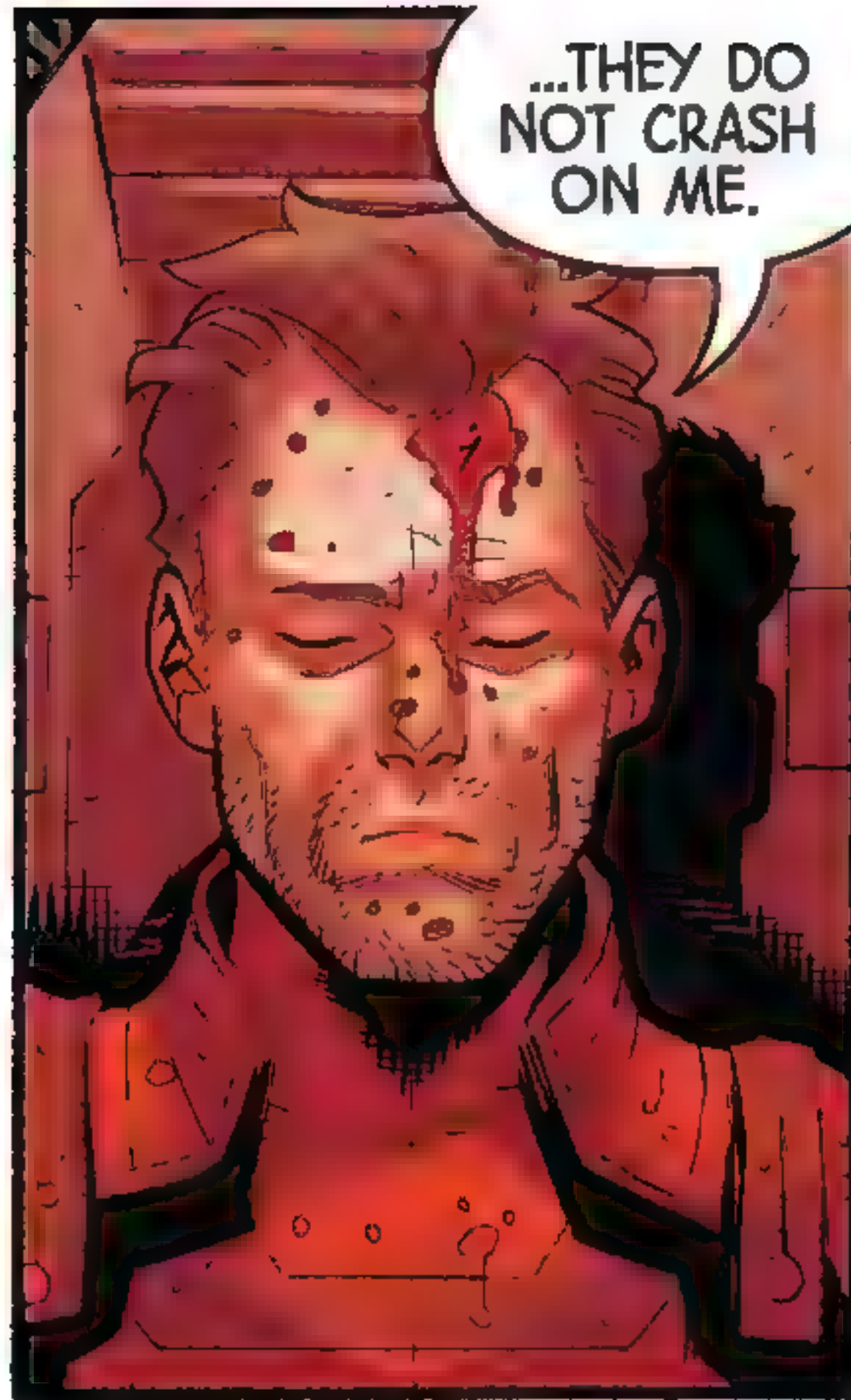


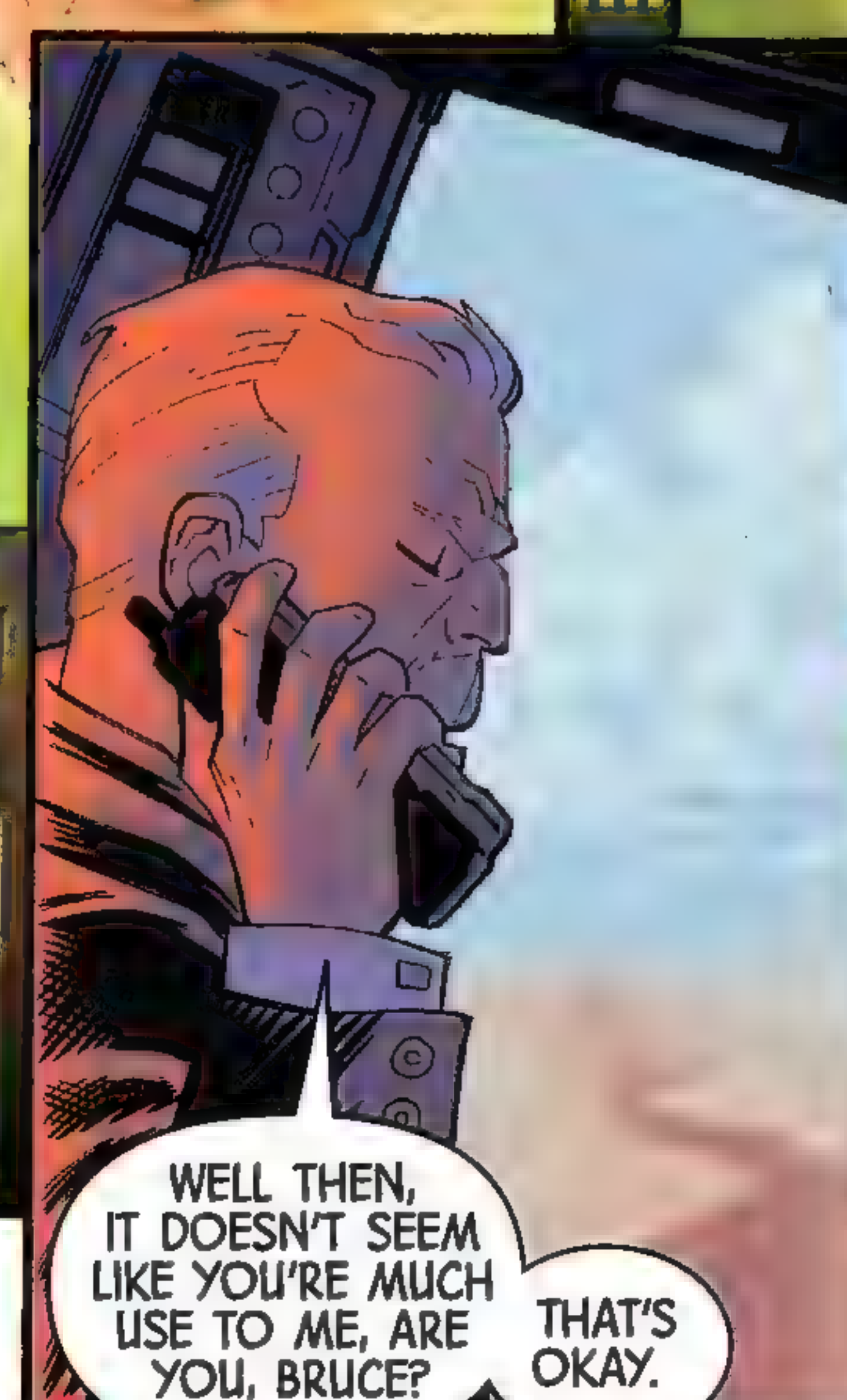
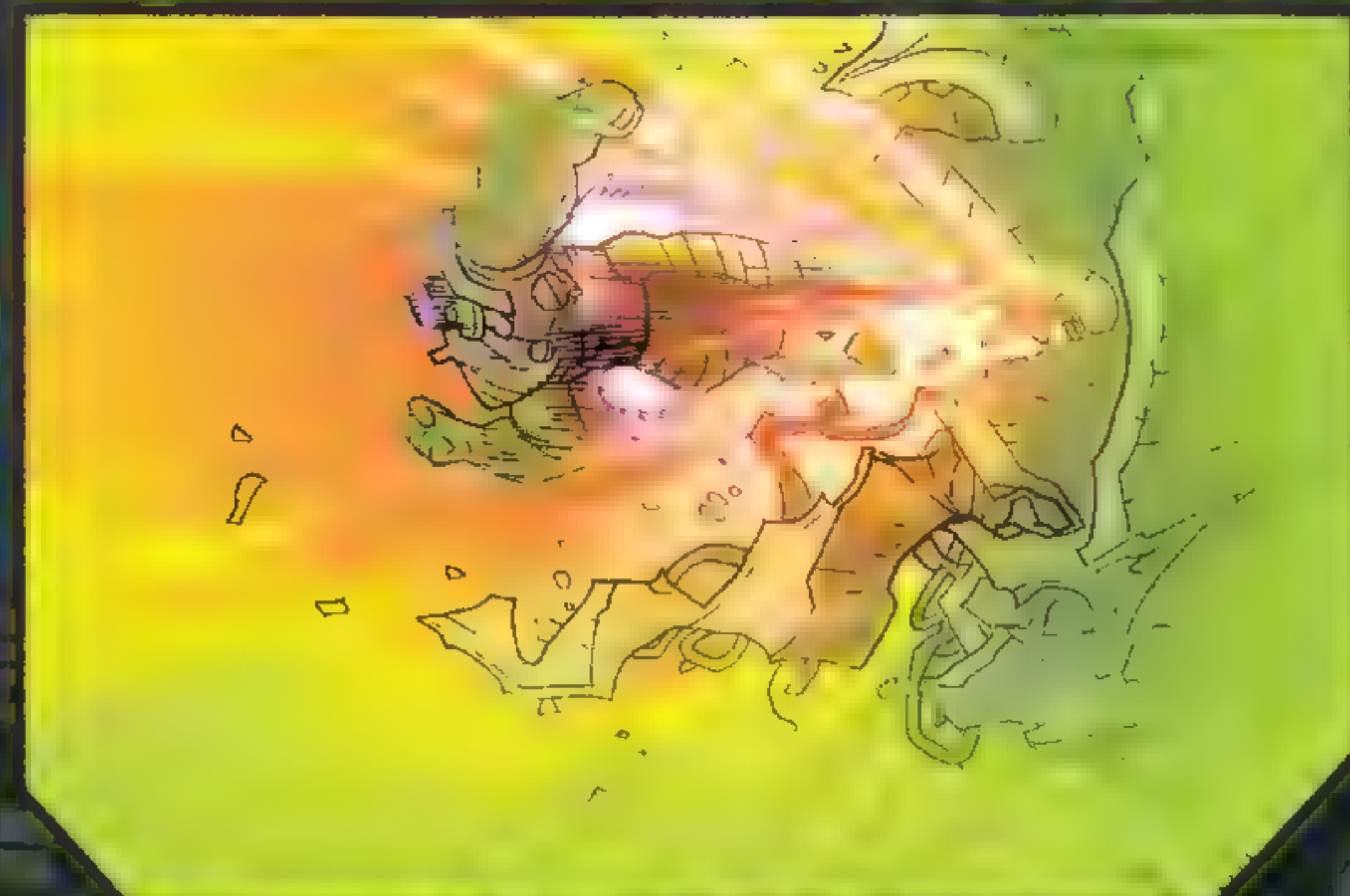
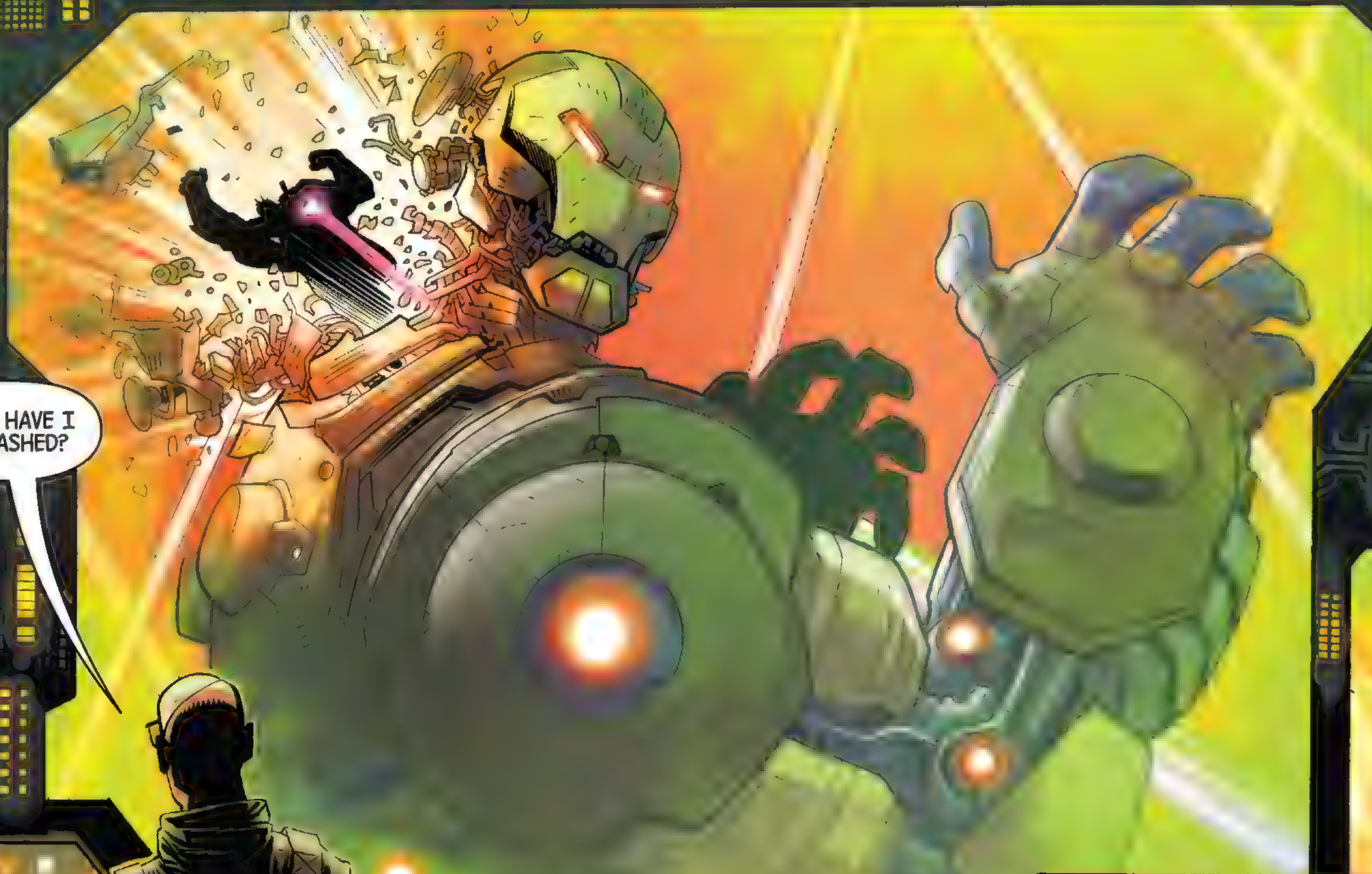


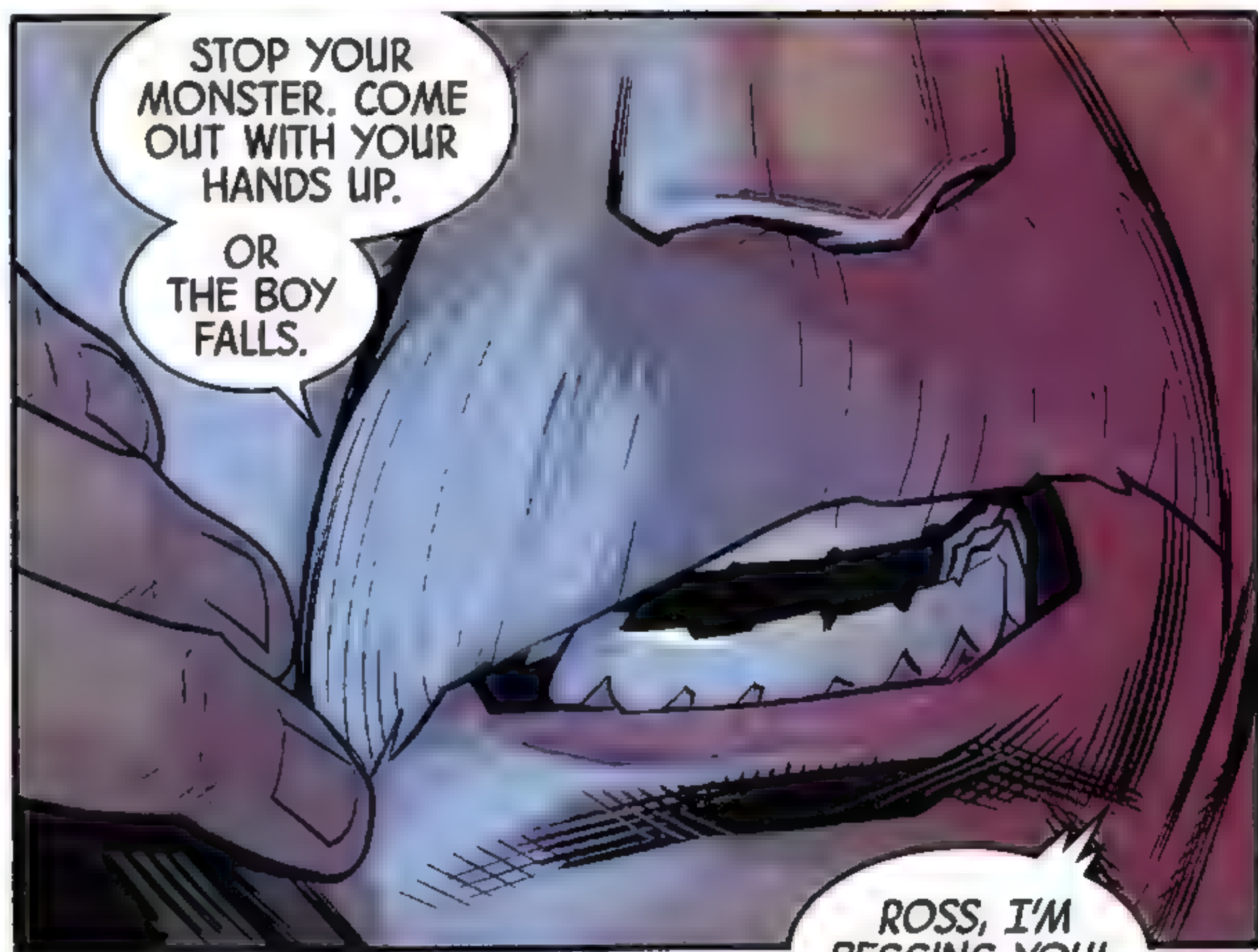
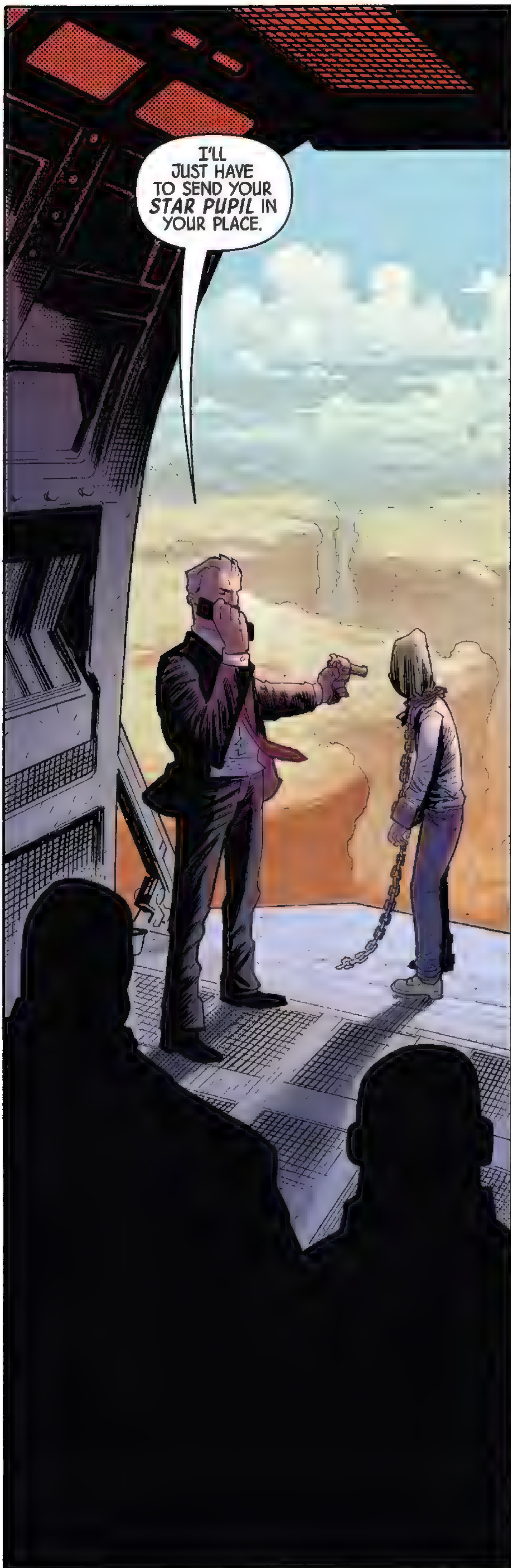


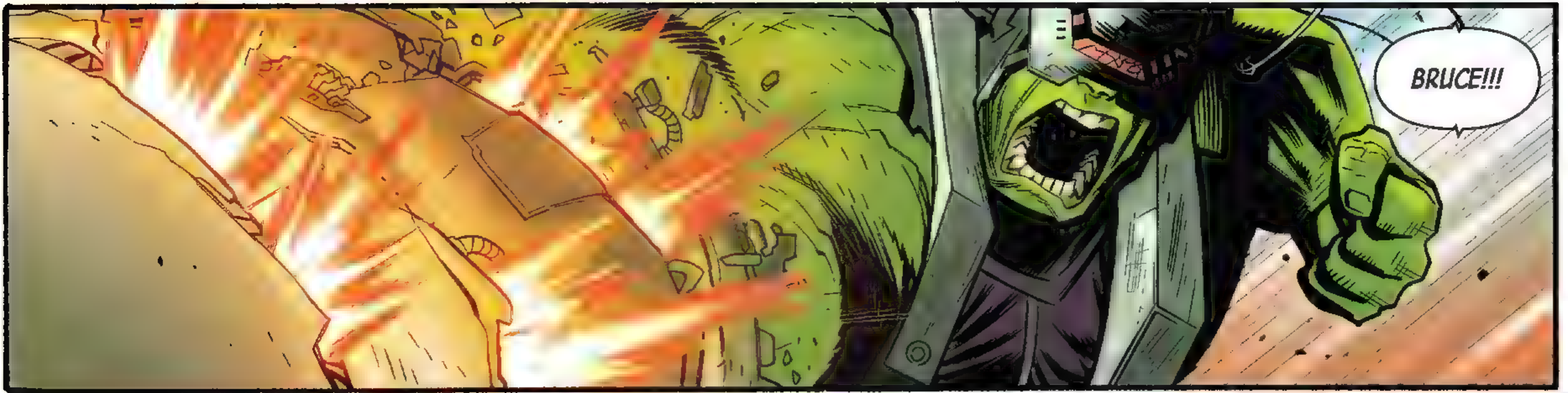
STAGE FOUR:











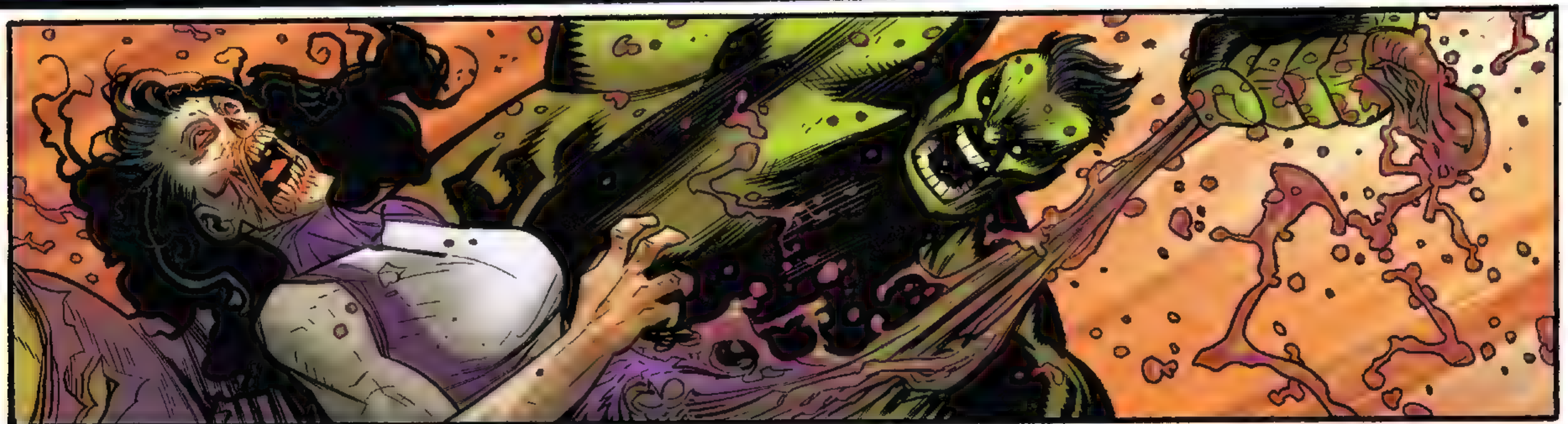
NINE.



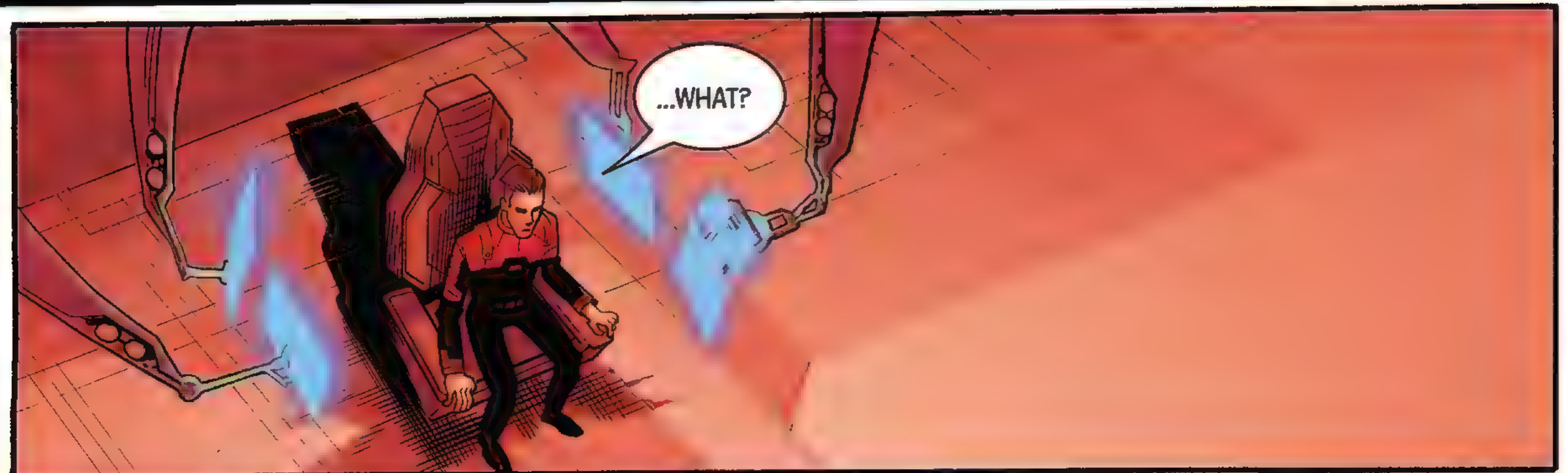
EIGHT.

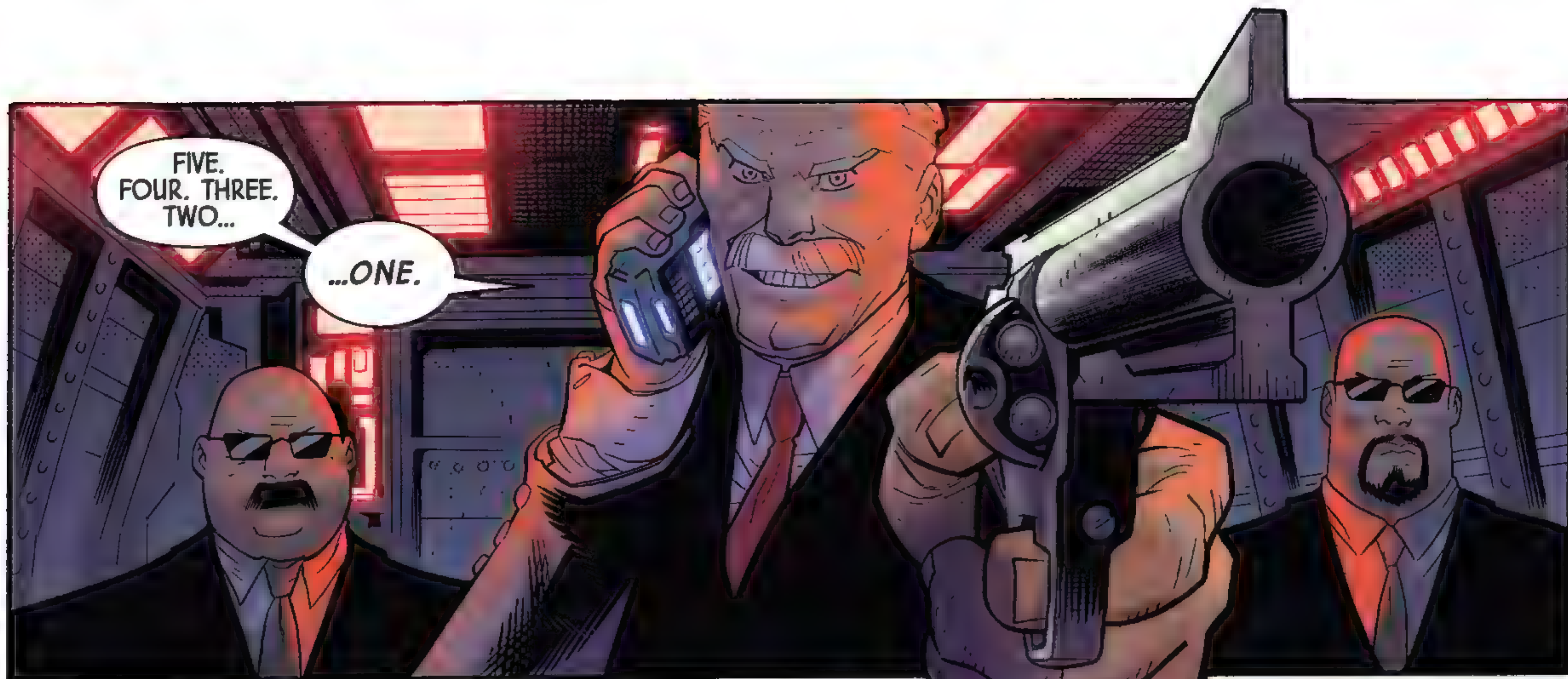


SEVEN.



SIX.







EVERYONE IS...
RETREATING...

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT THE HELL
IS GOING--

THEY...
THEY KILLED
HIM...



...
WHO?
WHO DID
THEY KILL?

HIS
NAME WAS
PETER.



HE WAS A RESEARCH
STUDENT OF MINE. HE
WAS LIKE--LIKE A SON
TO ME.

HE WAS BITTEN
BY A SPIDER
THAT WE HAD
IRRADIATED...

I WAS
TRYING... I HAD
HOPED TO...

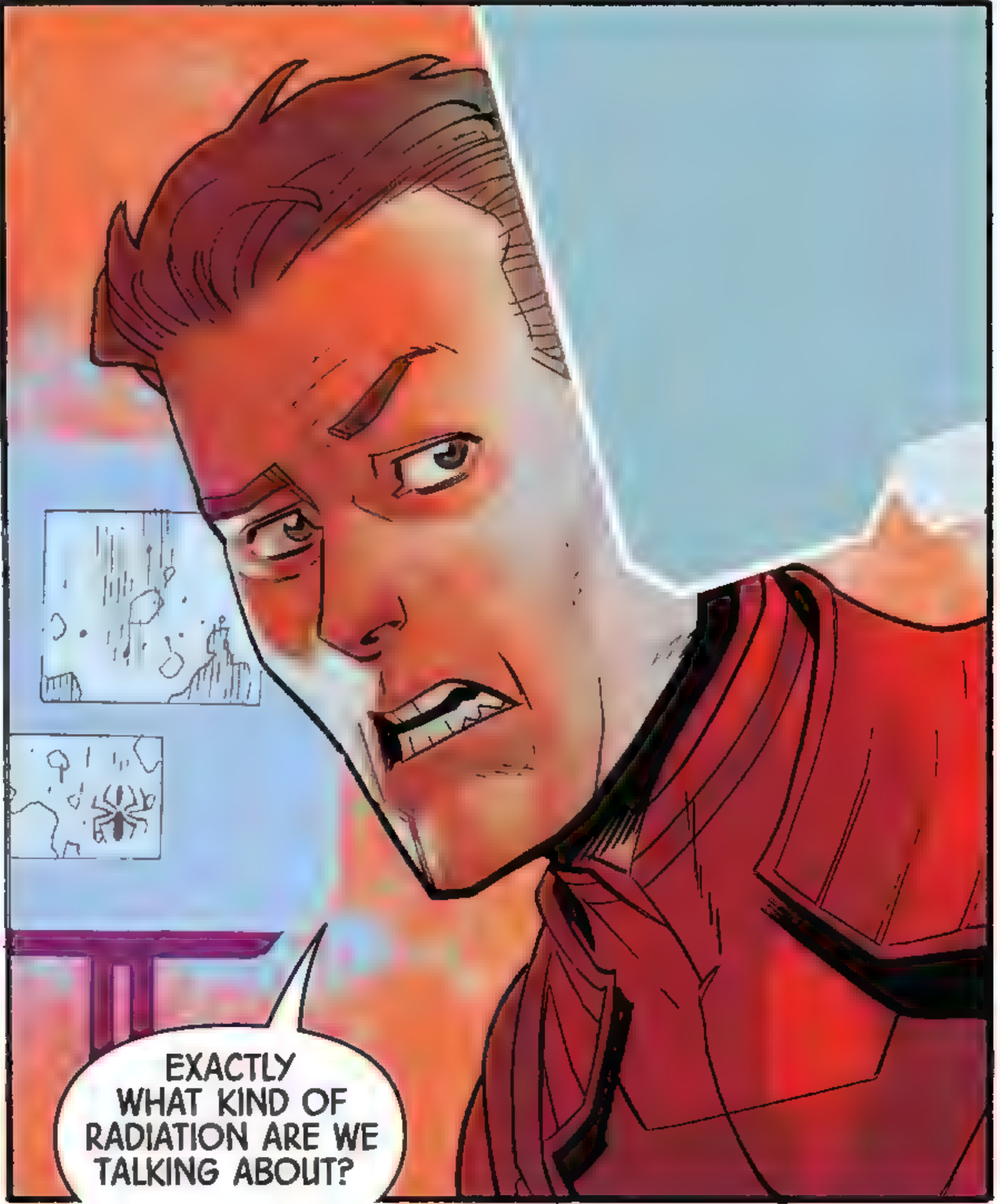
...TO
CURE HIM.



UHM...

THIS MIGHT
BE A DUMB
QUESTION...

...BUT THE
SPIDER...



EXACTLY
WHAT KIND OF
RADIATION ARE WE
TALKING ABOUT?





HULK #1 VARIANT BY ED McGUINNESS & LAURA MARTIN



HULK #5

I WANTED TO BE
SO MUCH MORE
THAN THIS

I WANTED TO...PUSH THE
BOUNDARIES, EXPLORE
THE UNKNOWNABLE

I WANTED
TO DISCOVER
INVENT.

CREATE.

INSTEAD

...ON THIS WORLD AND
EVERY WORLD THAT HAS
EVER KNOWN THE NAME
BRUCE BANNER...



...THE STORY
IS ALWAYS
THE SAME.

LIKE THIS ALTERNATE
ME--THE BANNER OF THIS
WORLD--ONCE SAID...

I AM
BECOME
DEATH.

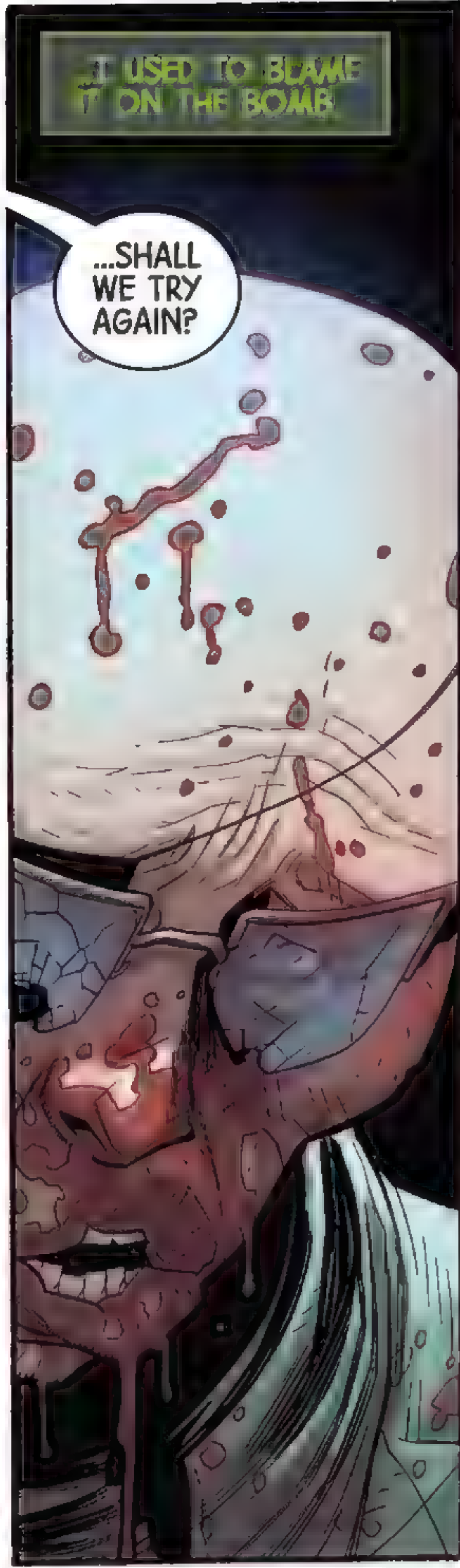
AGAIN,
AND AGAIN,
AND AGAIN...

THE DESTROYER
OF WORLDS



AND TO THINK...

NOW...



I USED TO BLAME IT ON THE BOMB

...SHALL WE TRY AGAIN?



YOUR LITTLE PET OUT THERE...

YOUR... WHAT DID YOU CALL IT?

YOUR "HULK"?

IT JUST COST ME THE COLLECTIVE GDP OF AT LEAST THREE OF OUR UNITED CONTINENTS IN MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL ORDNANCE.

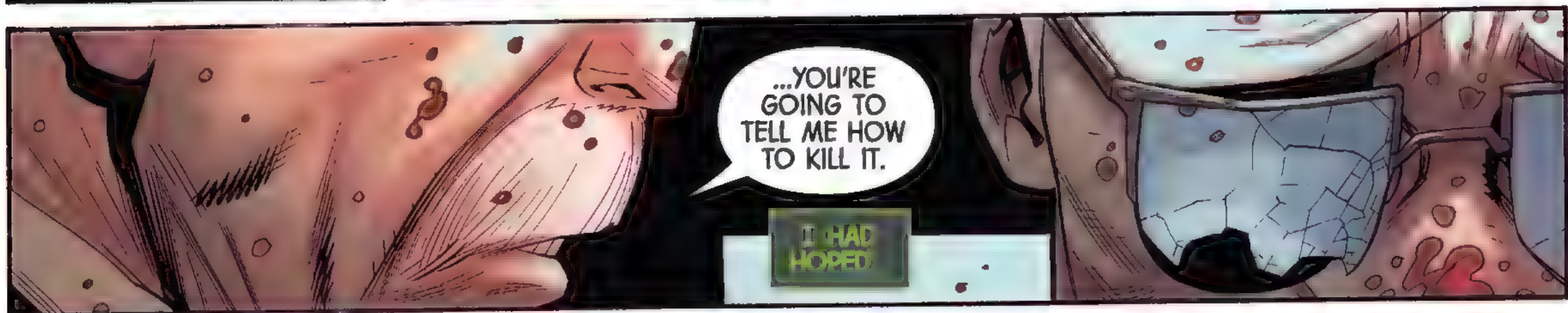
AND AS YOU SIT THERE AND STARE AT ME LIKE A LUNATIC, IT'S CURRENTLY TEARING A HOLE THE SIZE OF A METEOR IMPACT RIGHT INTO THE HEARTLAND OF THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY OF OURS WHILST FIGHTING EIGHTY TONS OF VERY-PISSED-OFF MUTANT SPIDER...

SO...

YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHERE YOU FOUND IT.

HOW YOU'RE... CONTROLLING IT.

AND THEN...



...YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME HOW TO KILL IT.

I HAD HOPED

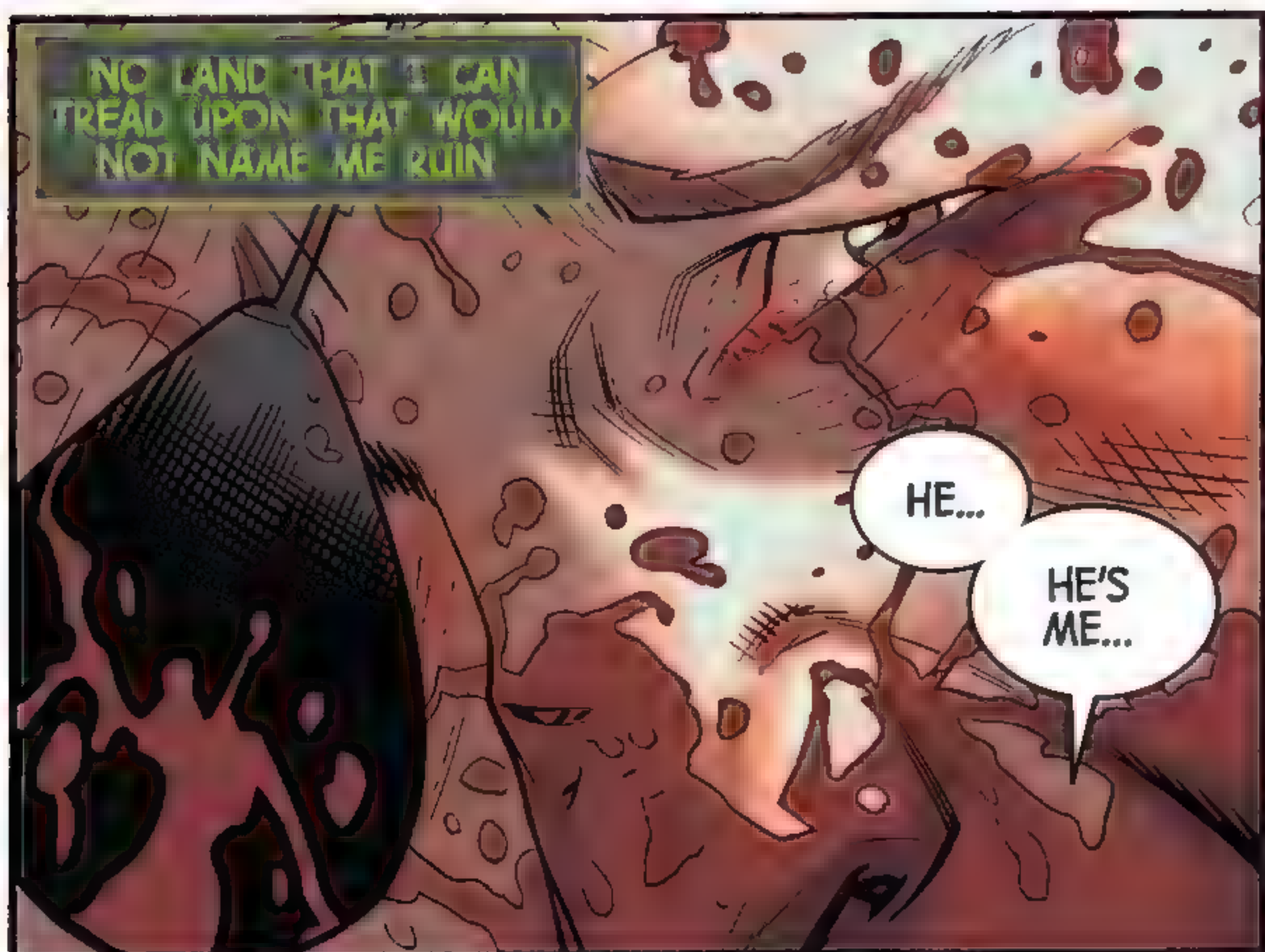
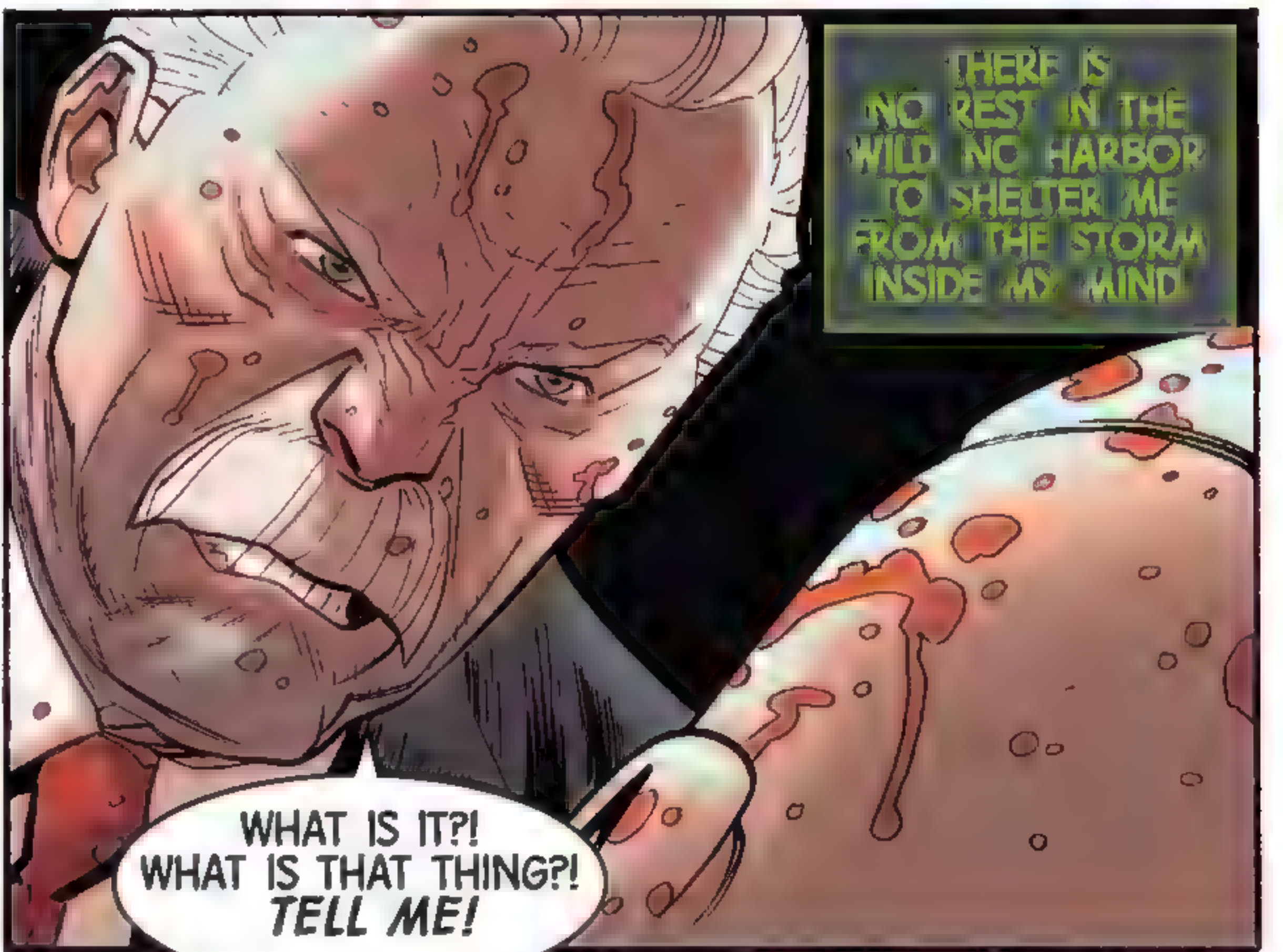
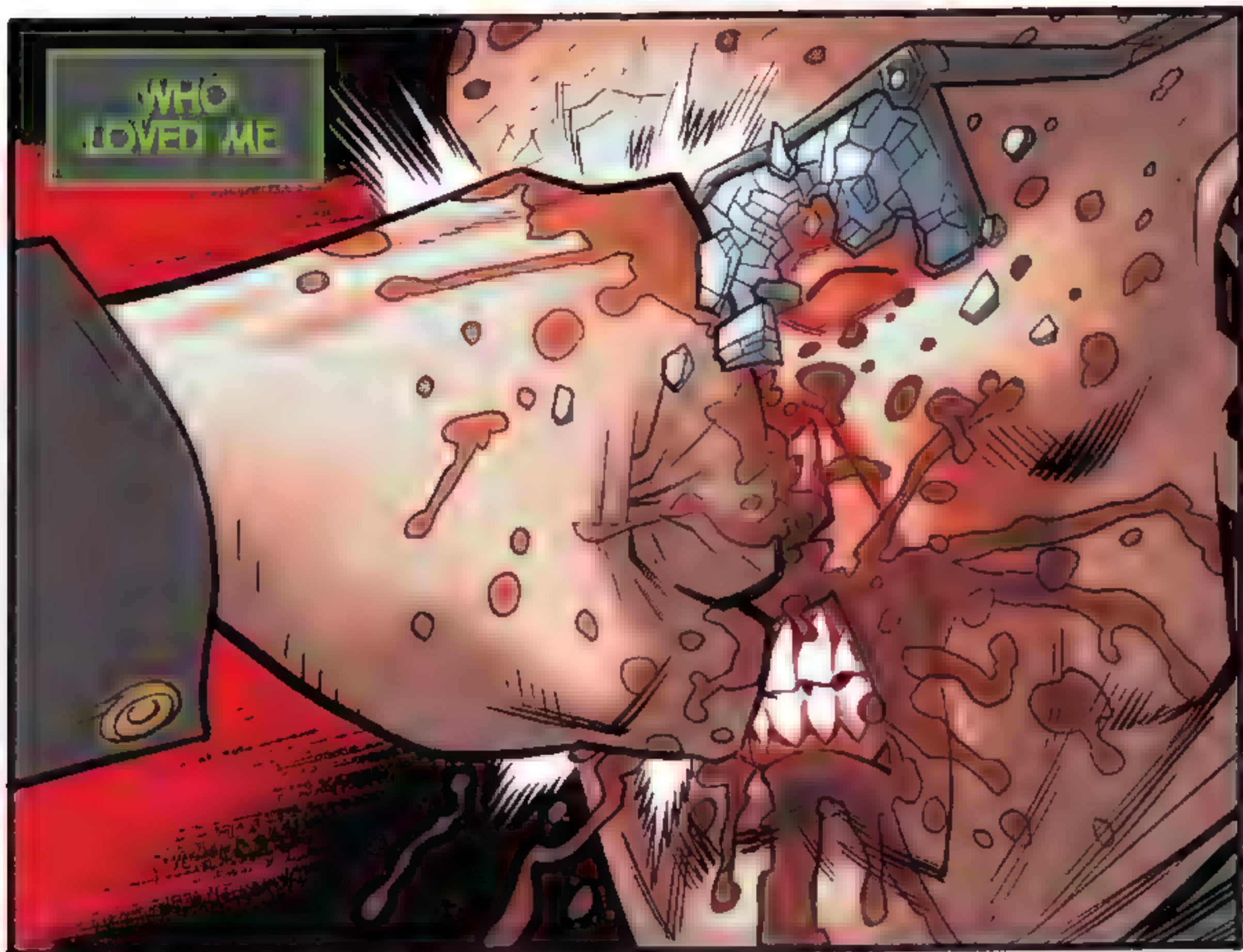


HEH...



HOPED TO FIND SOME SOLACE IN A WORLD FAR AWAY FROM THE ONE I HAD BROKEN

HA! HAHHAHA!!!





ENGINE
STATUS!



STAGE
FOUR AND
HOLDING.



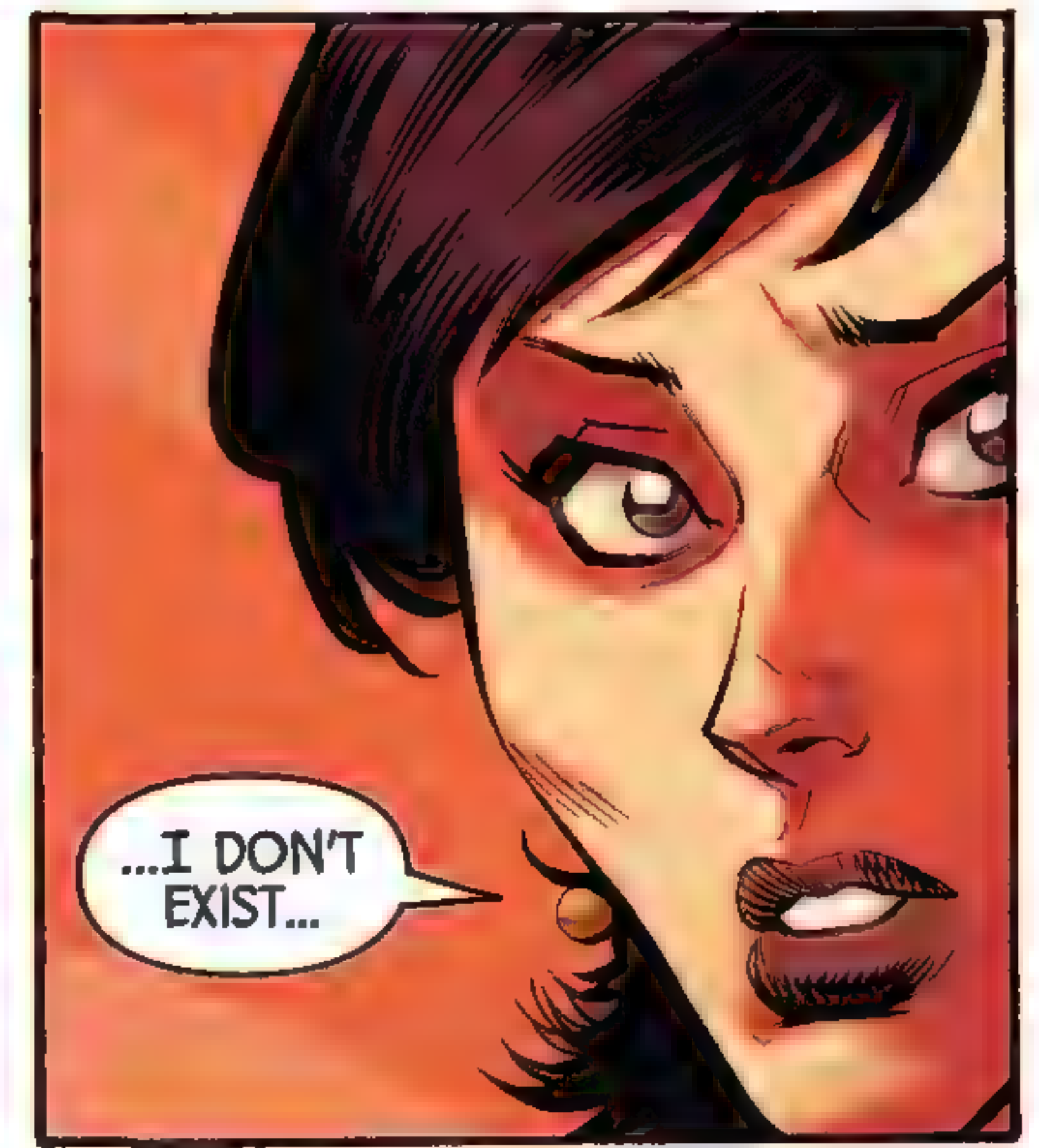
OKAY.

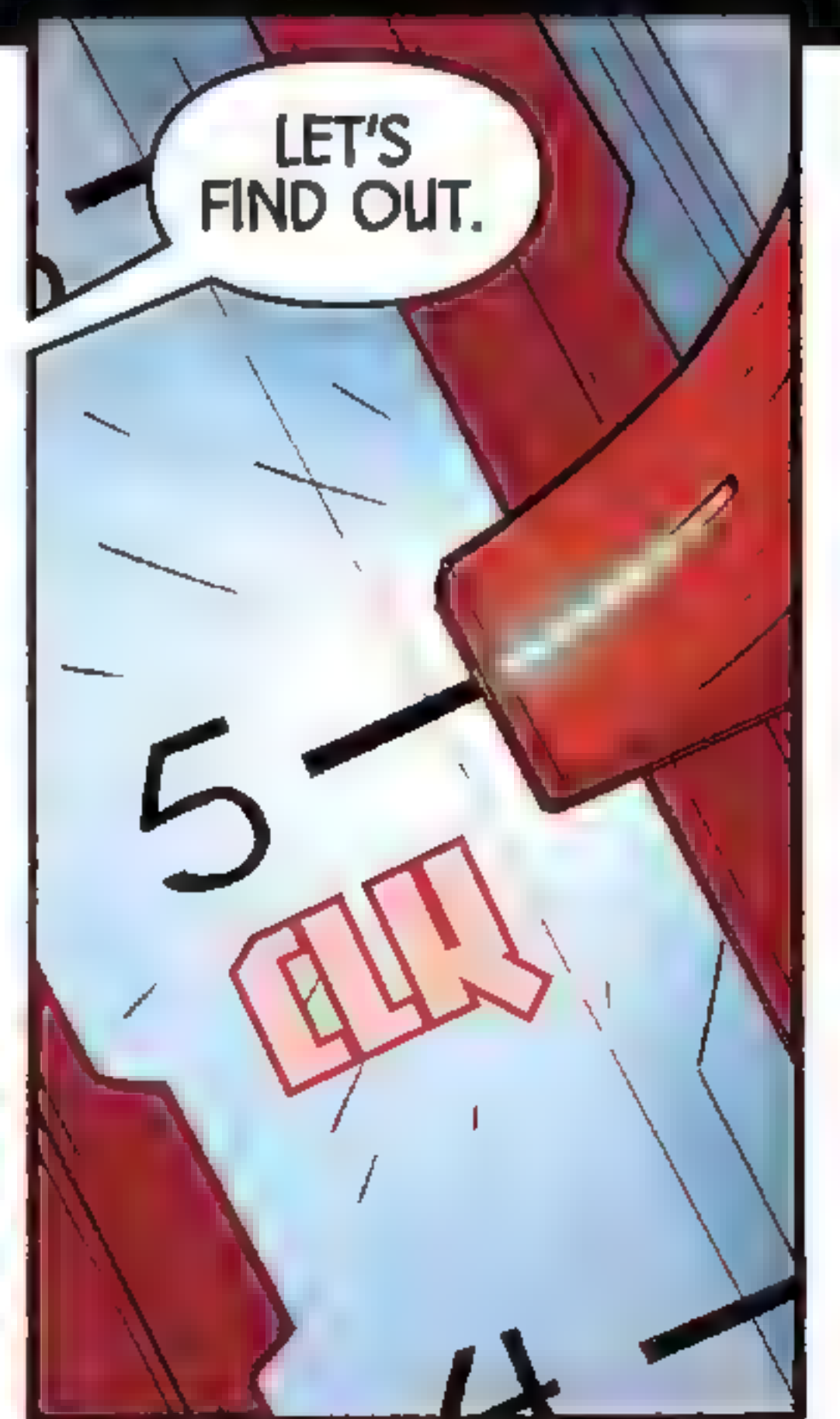
DEEP
BREATH, BIG
GUY.

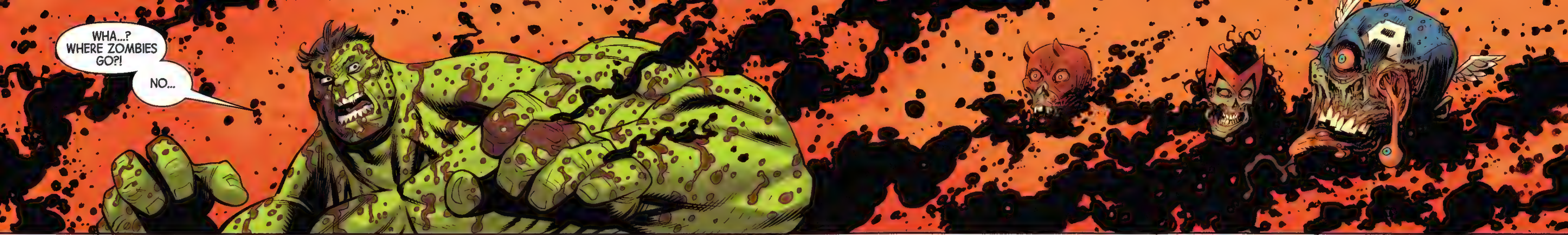


THIS IS
GOING TO GET
WORSE BEFORE IT
GETS BETTER.









WHA...?
WHERE ZOMBIES
GO?

NO...

STAGE FIVE: GODS.



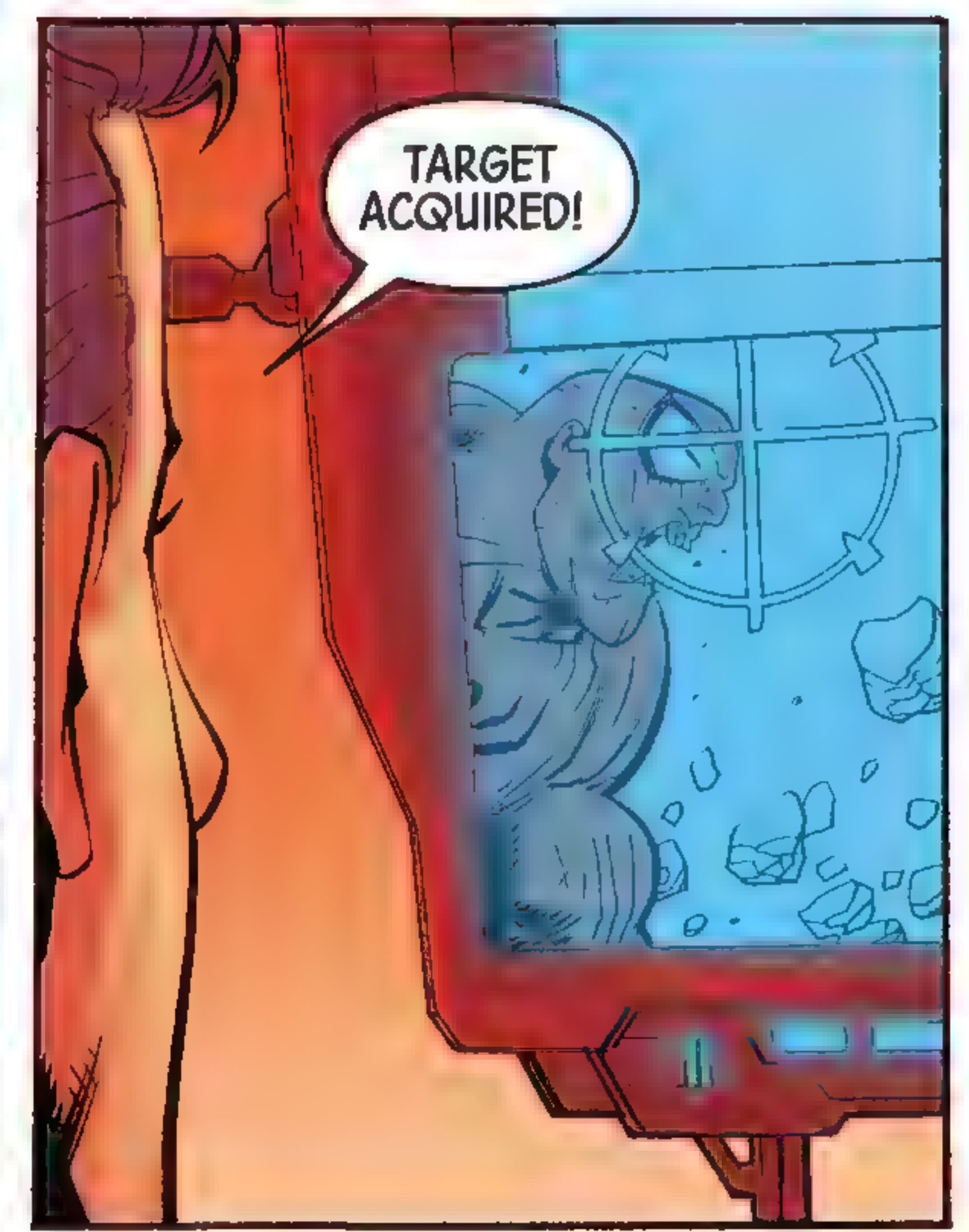
BANNER,
NO!!!



ALL RIGHT!
THAT'S WHAT
I'M TALKING
ABOUT!

LET'S DO
THIS.

READY
ON MY
MARK...



TARGET
ACQUIRED!





YOU
HAVE TO
STOP!



PLEASE...I'VE--
I'VE TOLD YOU
EVERYTHING.

I JUST...
I WAS TRYING
TO SOLVE THE
BIOWASTE
PROBLEM.

ALL OF
THOSE...THOSE THINGS
WE SEND THROUGH THE
PORTAL...THEY HAVE TO GO
SOMEWHERE, RIGHT?*
THEY CAN'T JUST
BE...GONE!

I THOUGHT
IF I COULD FIND ONE...
I COULD...CURE THEM. OR...
OR ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM.
BUT THIS ONE...HE'S...HE'S
DIFFERENT. HE CAN'T BE
STOPPED. YOU'RE JUST GOING
TO MAKE IT WORSE! THIS
IS GOING TO EXPLODE
IN YOUR--

SHUT
UP.

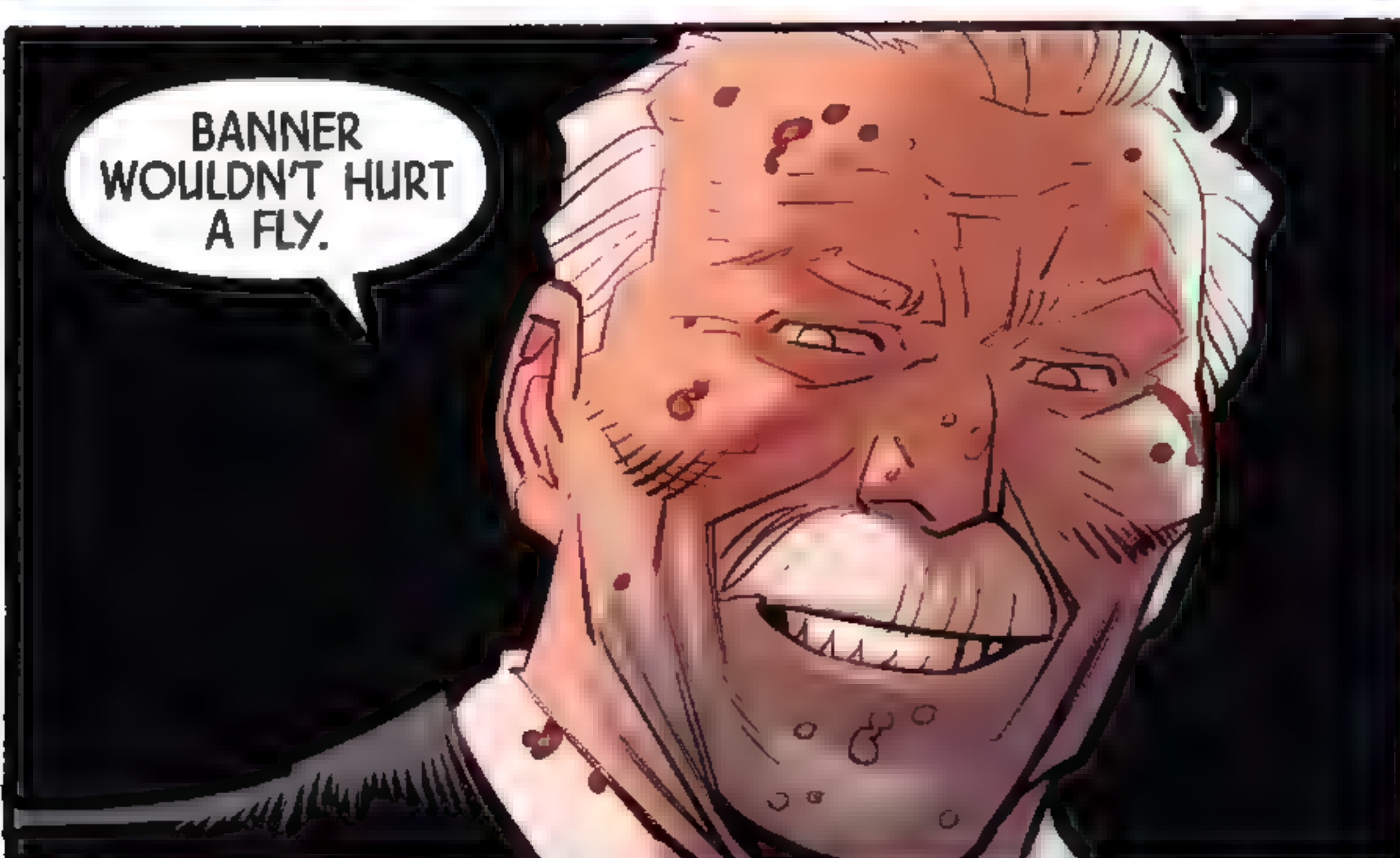
*SPOILER ALERT: THEY
SURE DO! STAY TUNED FOR
HULK #9 TO FIND OUT!



WHY DON'T YOU BOYS
EXCUSE ME AND THE
GOOD DOCTOR FOR
A MOMENT.

SIR? IS
THAT--?

I'LL
BE FINE,
SON.



BANNER
WOULDN'T HURT
A FLY.



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT?

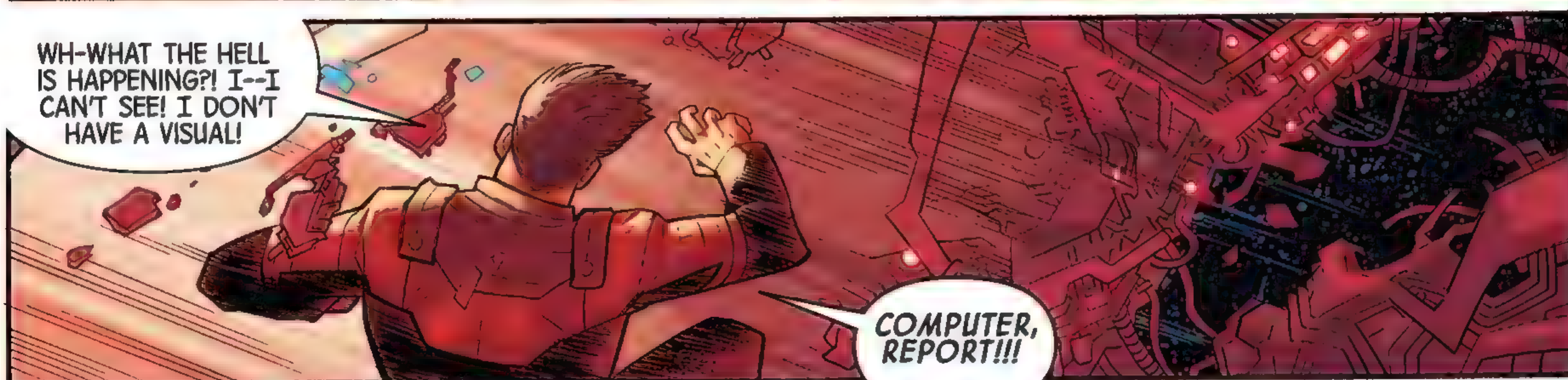




HA. SEE,
BETTY? YOU
WORRY TOO
MUCH. YOU'VE
ALWAYS--



AGH!!!



WH-WHAT THE HELL
IS HAPPENING?! I--I
CAN'T SEE! I DON'T
HAVE A VISUAL!

COMPUTER,
REPORT!!!



THE HULL HAS BEEN
COMPROMISED, SIR.

FULL EVACUATION
IS RECOMMENDED.

NO...NO,
THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE...



OH,
BRUCE...

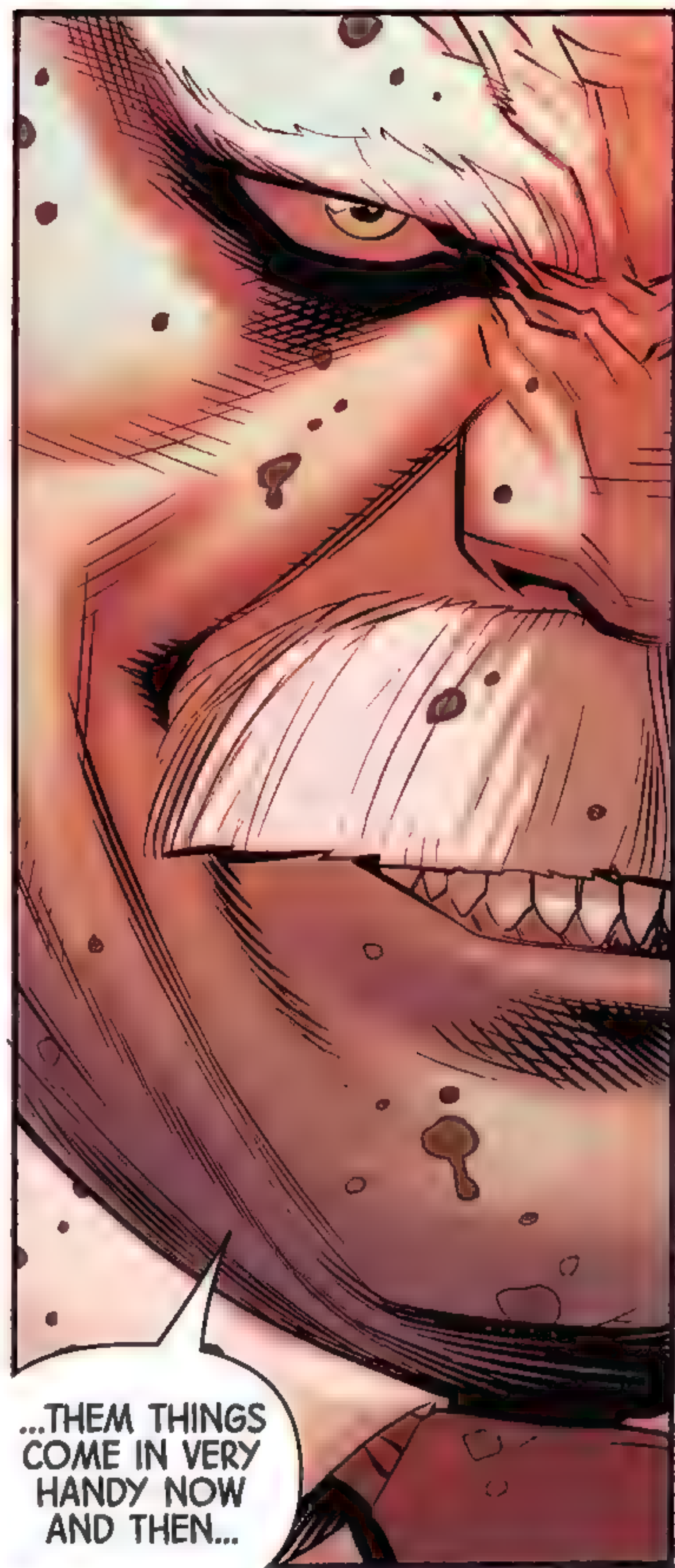
...YOU
WORRY TOO
MUCH.

NOW
THAT WE'RE
ALONE...

...LET'S CHAT.
LET'S BE REAL,
REAL HONEST,
OKAY, SON?

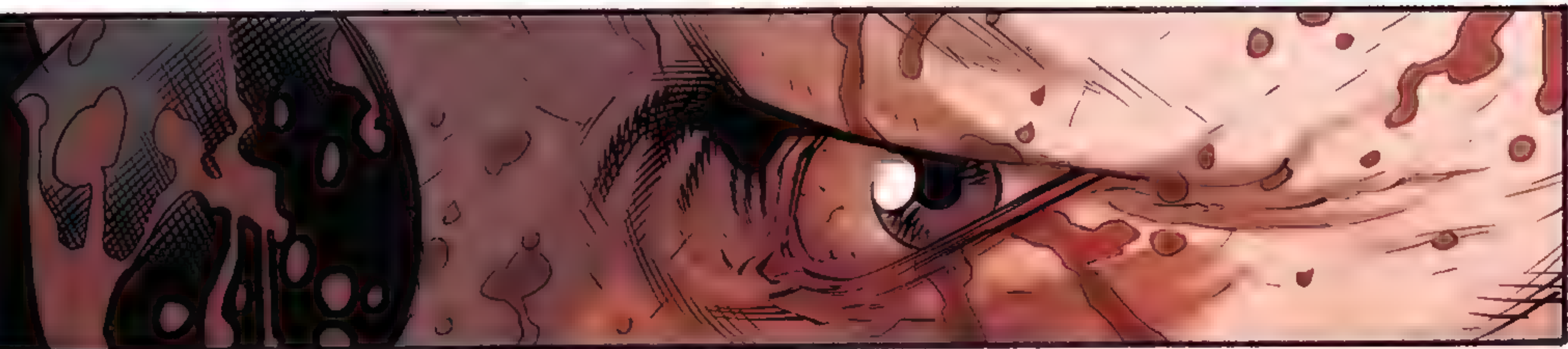
I APPRECIATE
YOU TRYING TO
SOLVE OUR LITTLE
MONSTER PROBLEM...
I REALLY DO.

BUT YOU
SEE...THE TRUTH
OF IT IS...



...THEM THINGS
COME IN VERY
HANDY NOW
AND THEN...

NO...



OH, NOT
ALL OF THEM,
OF COURSE.

THE WEAK
ONES WE TOSS
INTO THAT
LITTLE PORTAL
TRASH CAN OF
YOURS.

WE ONLY
KEEP THE **STRONG**
ONES. WE HAD SOME
HELP FROM A FELLA
NAMED **RICHARDS**. HE
HELPED US...LEASH THEM.
MAKE THEM MORE...
COMPLIANT.

MORE
COOPERATIVE.

YOU...
YOU'RE
SICK...

NO,
SON. I'M A
PATRIOT.

HEH
HEH. COME
ON...

...HOW DID
YOU THINK WE
WON ALL THEM
WARS?



YOU
CAN'T BLAME
EVERYTHING ON
THE BOMB,
SON.





BETTY...
HELP ME.
PLEASE!

WHATEVER'S
HAPPENING OUT
THERE, I HAVE TO BE
IN CONTROL. I HAVE
TO FIGHT BACK!

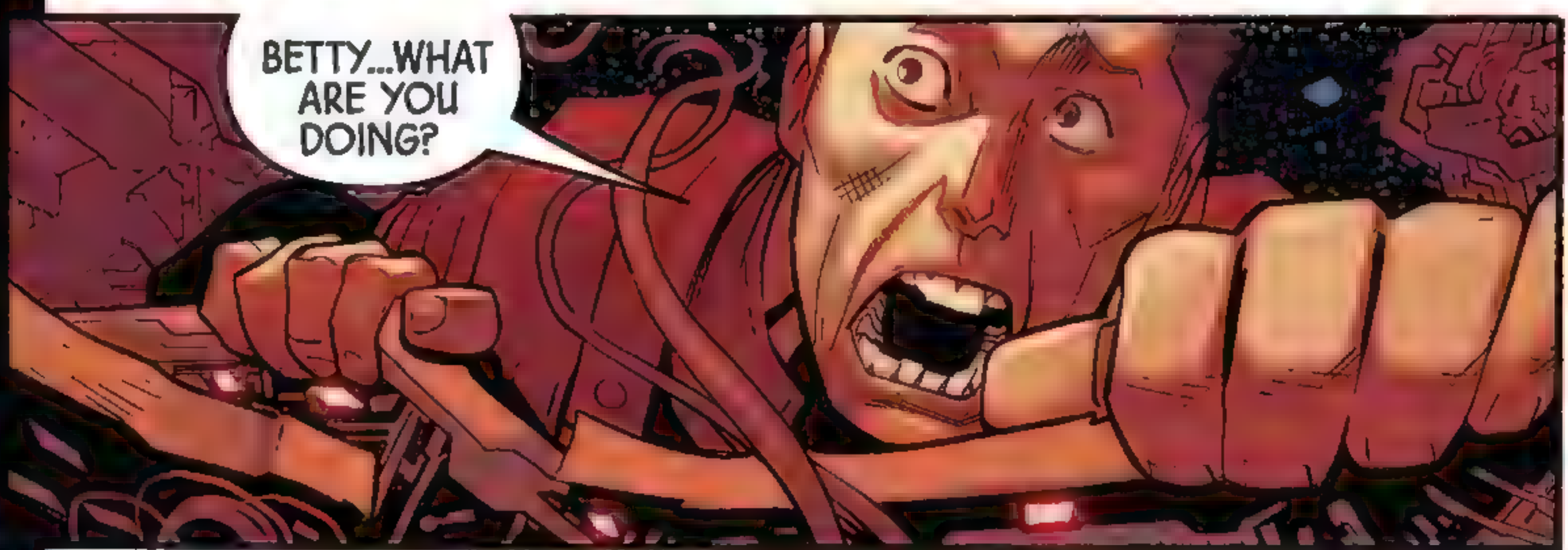


LOOK
AT YOU.

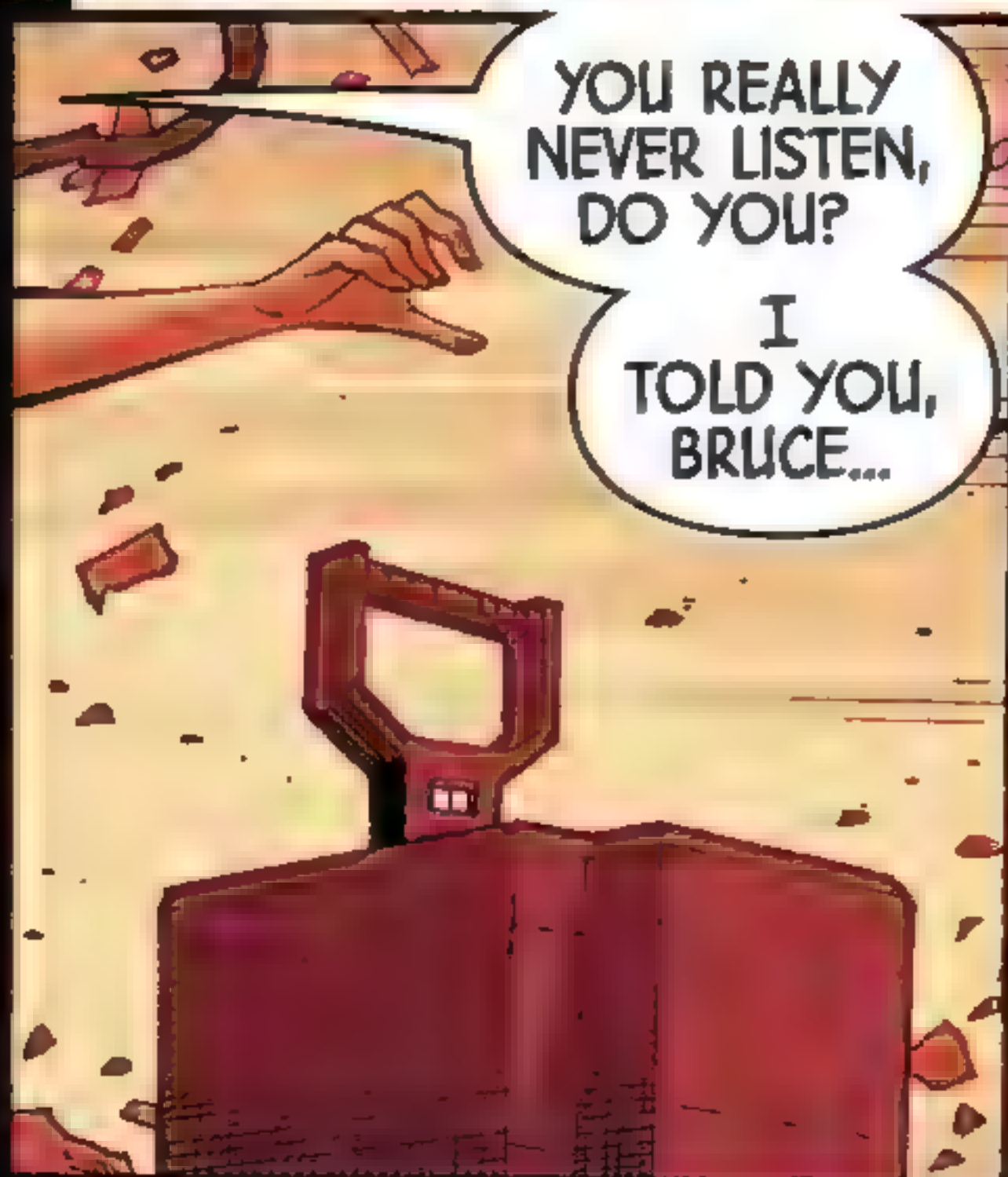
HELPLESS.
TRAPPED. AT THE
MERCY OF FORCES
AND VIOLENCE
OUT OF YOUR
CONTROL...



REMINDE
YOU OF
ANYONE?



BETTY...WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



YOU REALLY
NEVER LISTEN,
DO YOU?

I
TOLD YOU,
BRUCE...

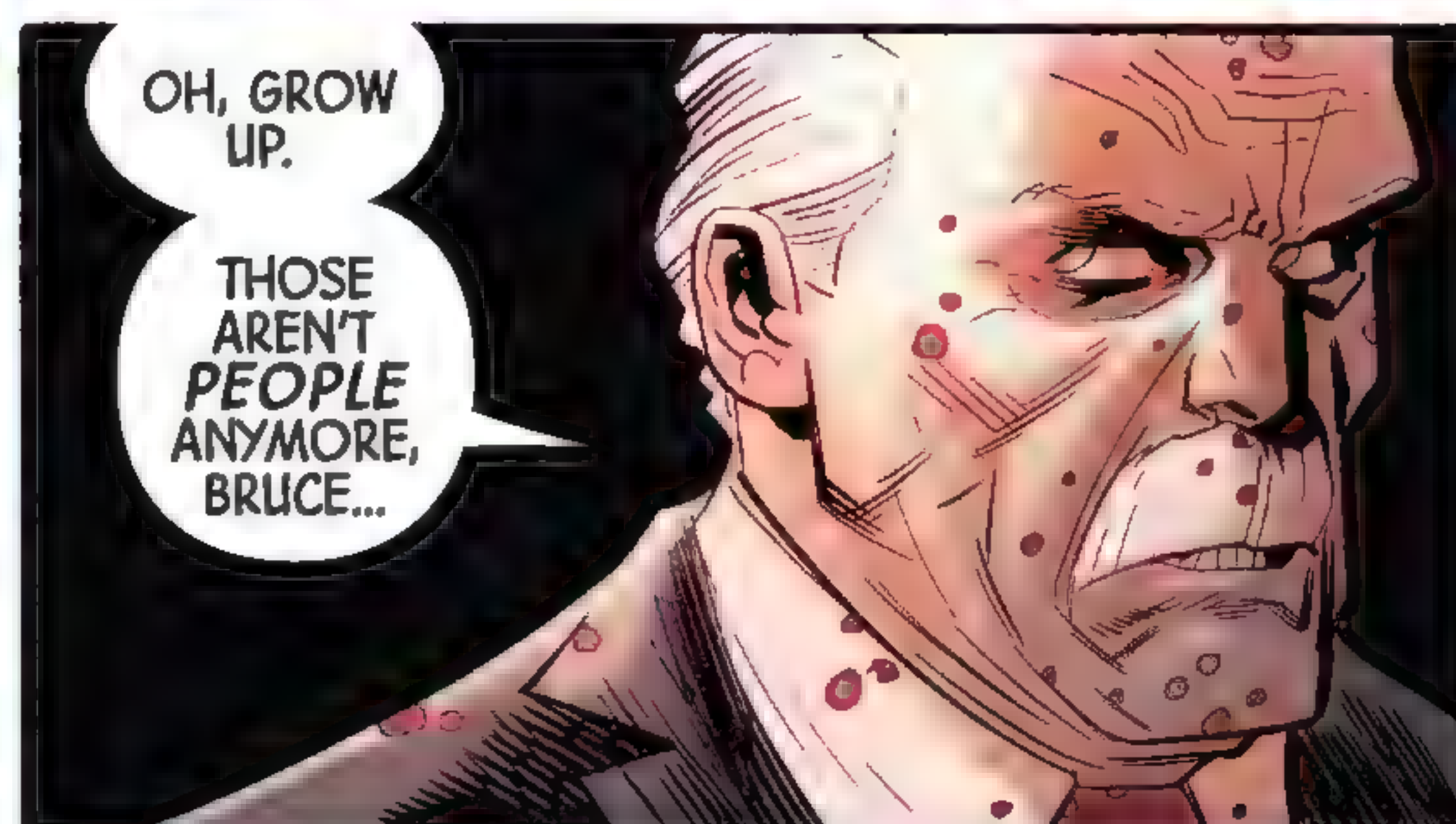
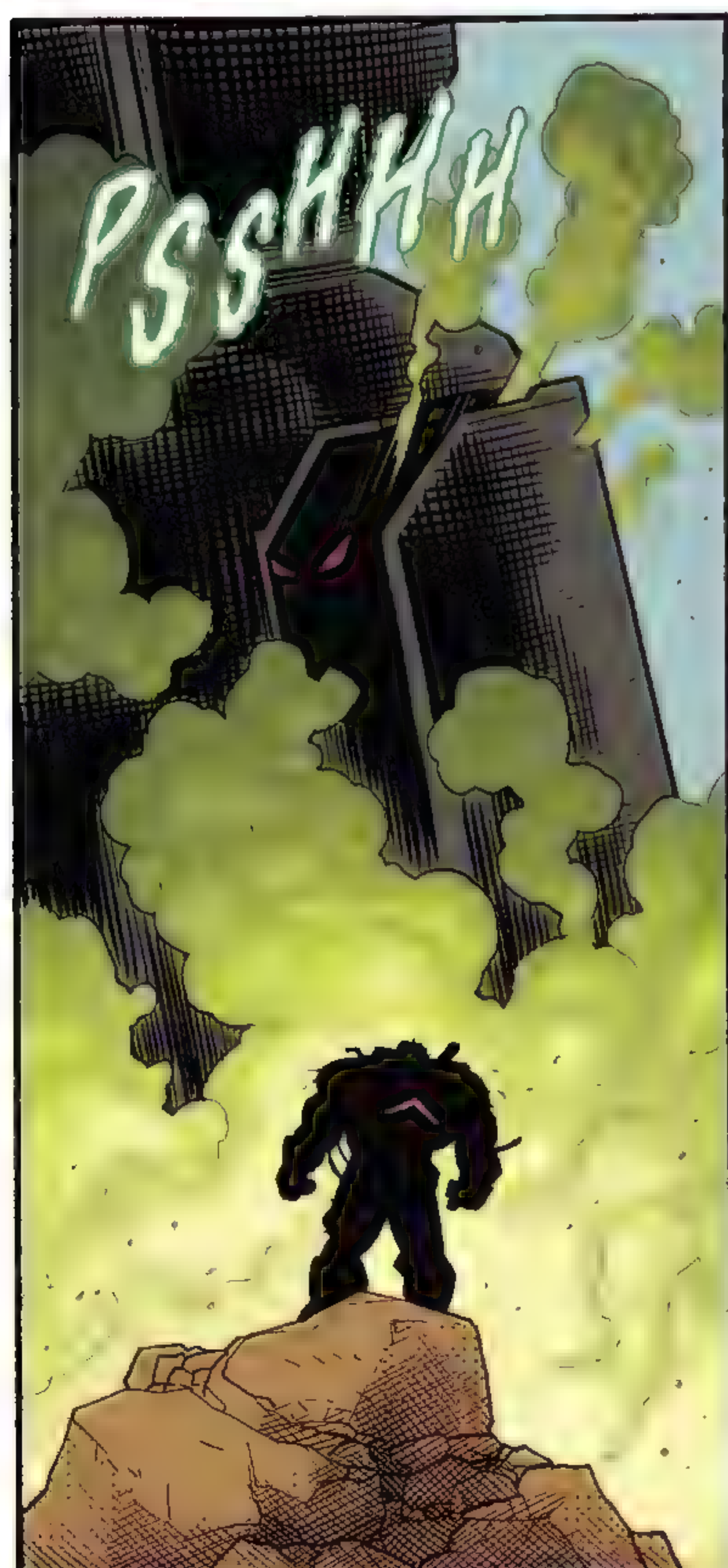


...BETTY
ISN'T REAL.



STAGE SIX: DEMONS.





"...THEY'RE
ABOMINATIONS."



AGHHHH!!!
PLEASE!!!



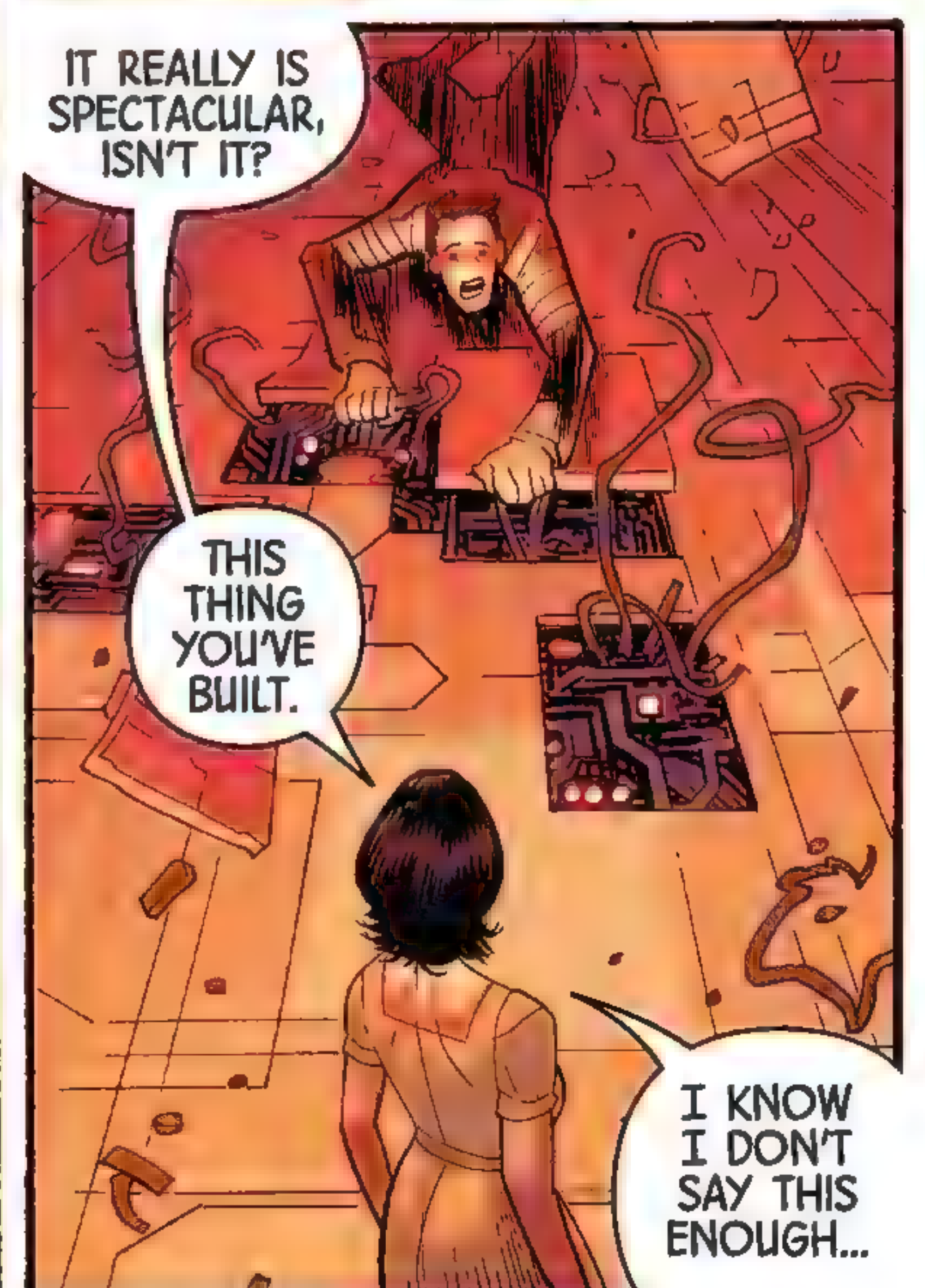
RAAGGH!!!
BANNER!!!

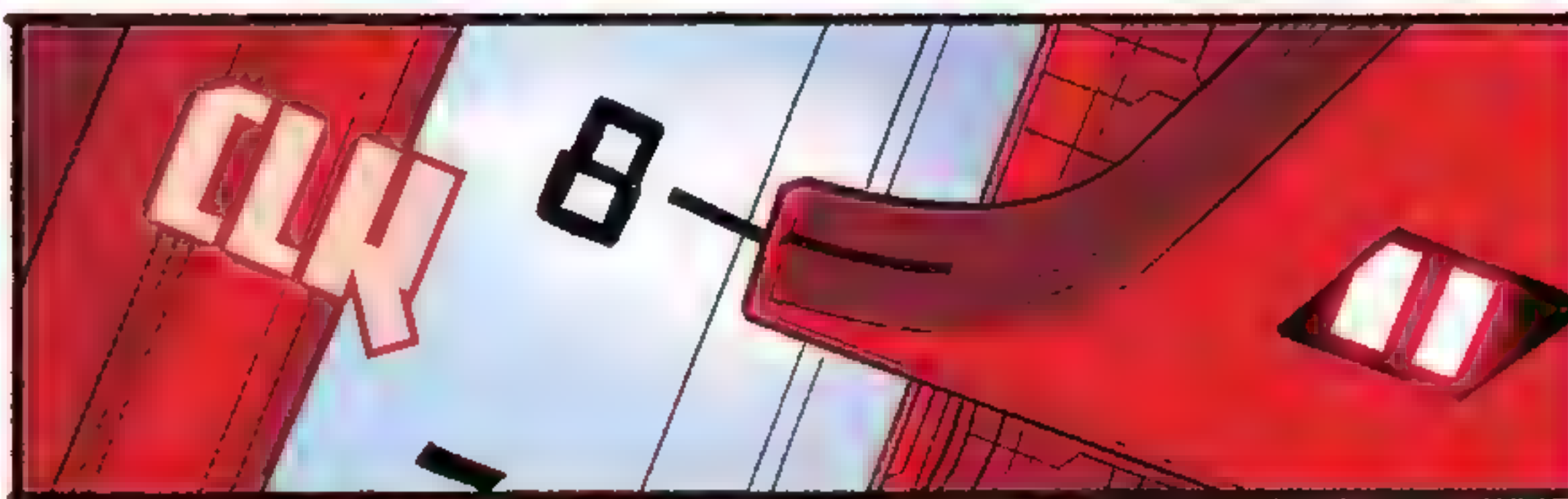
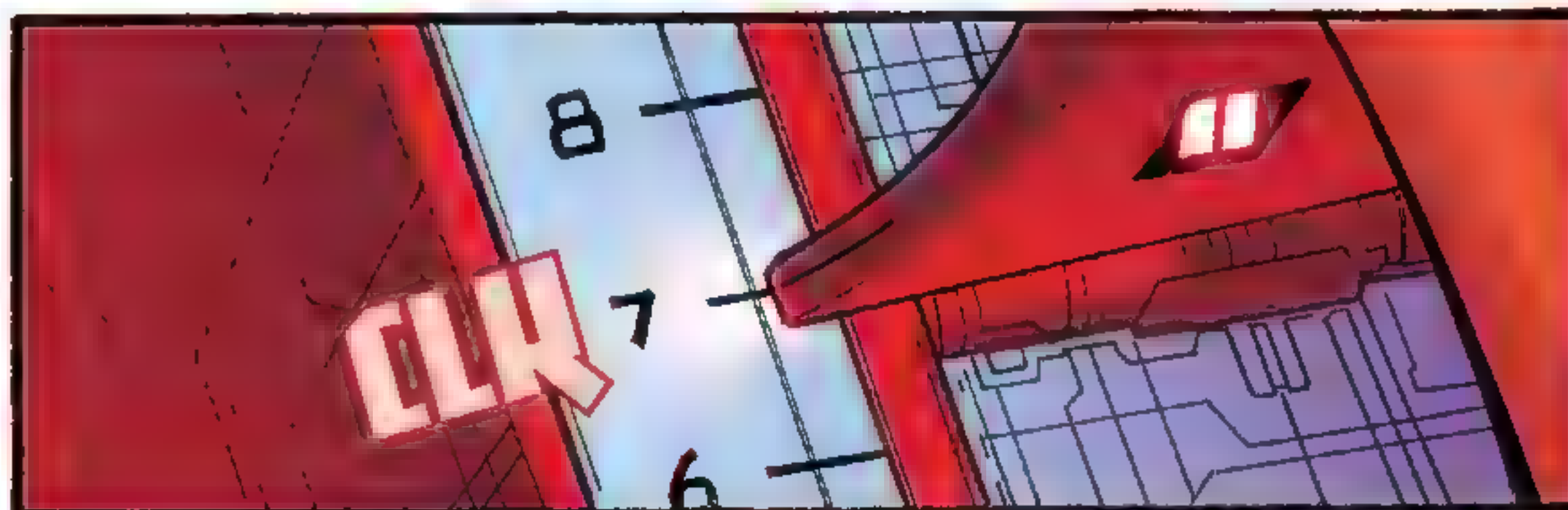
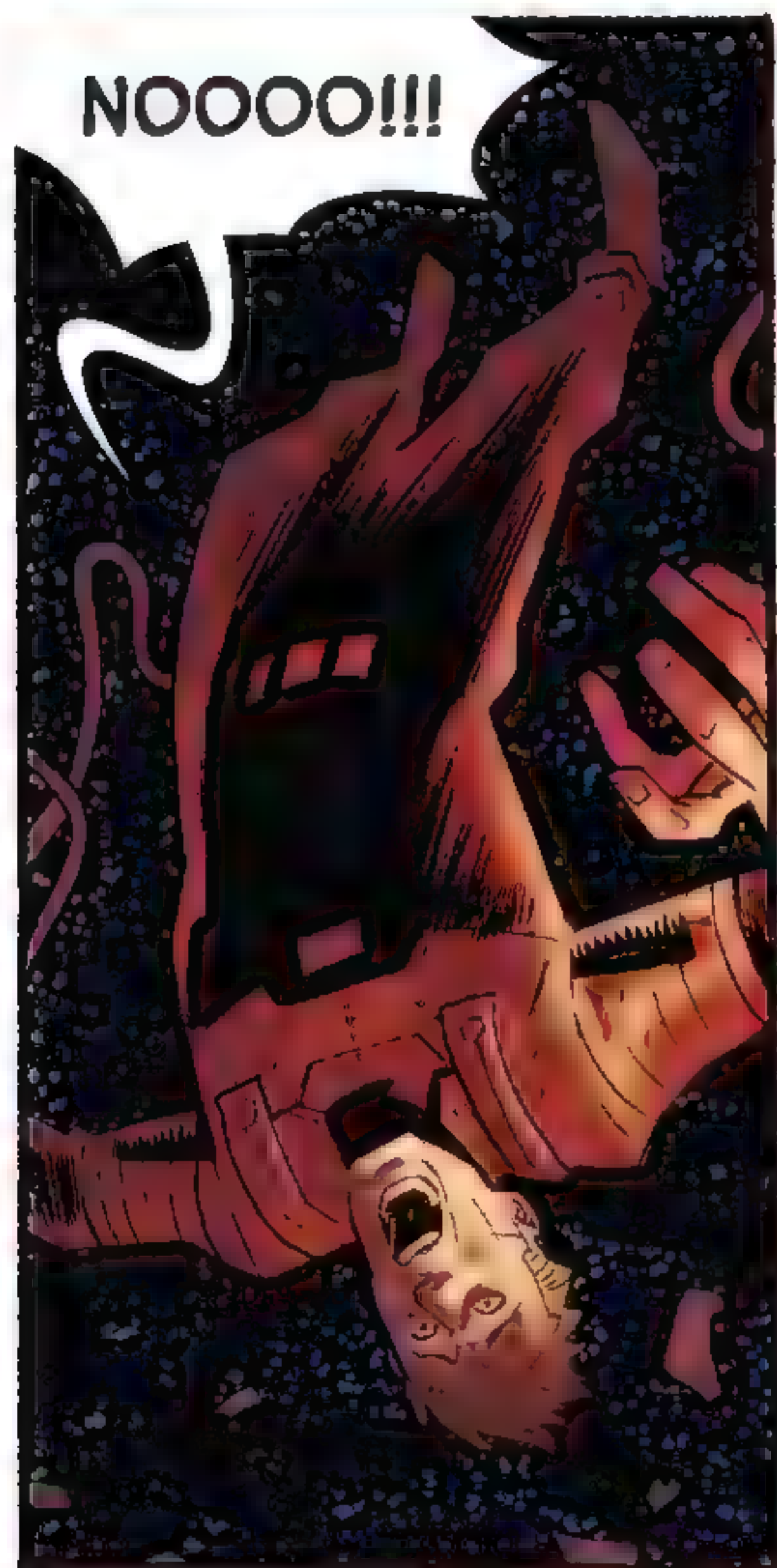
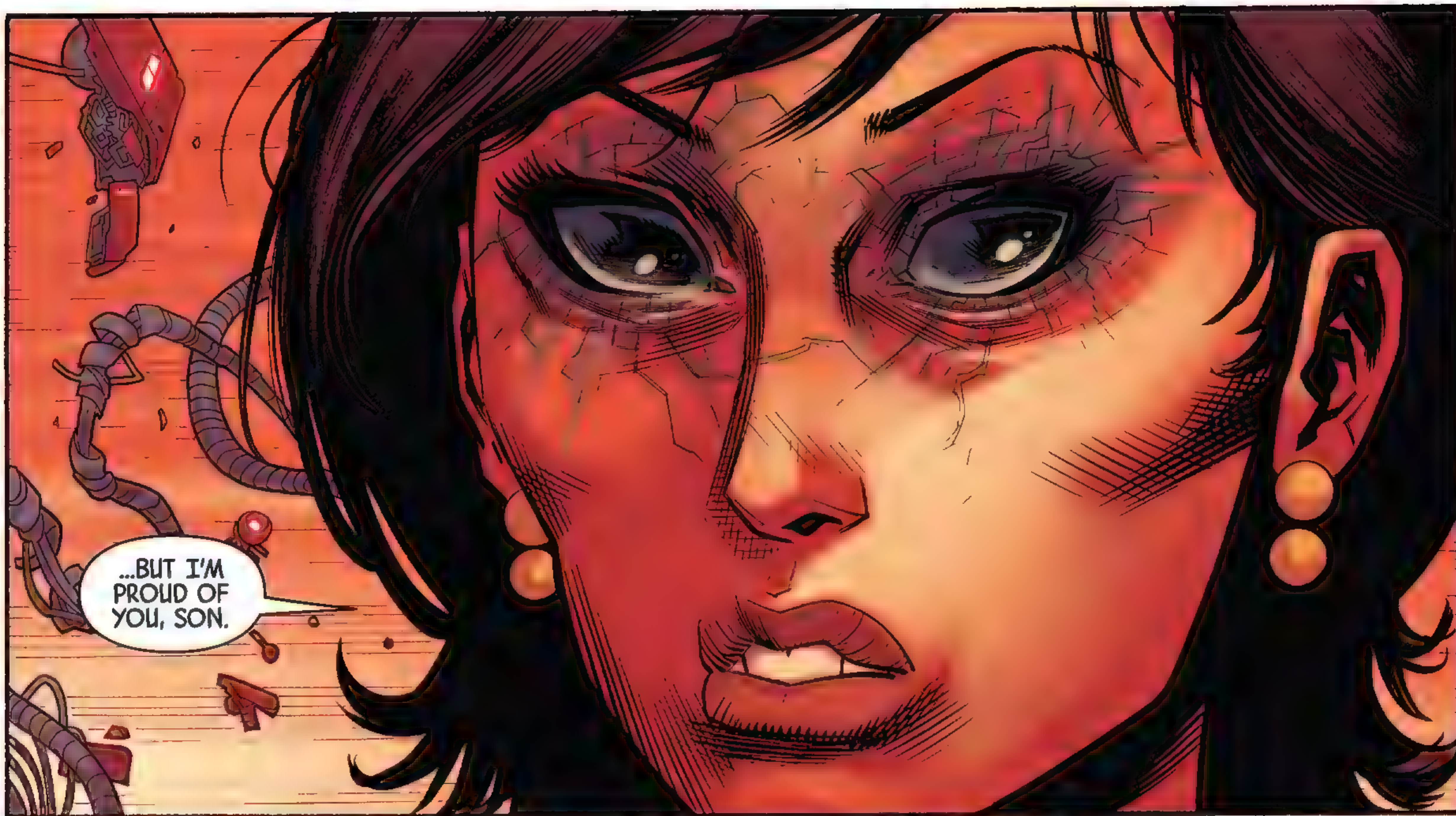


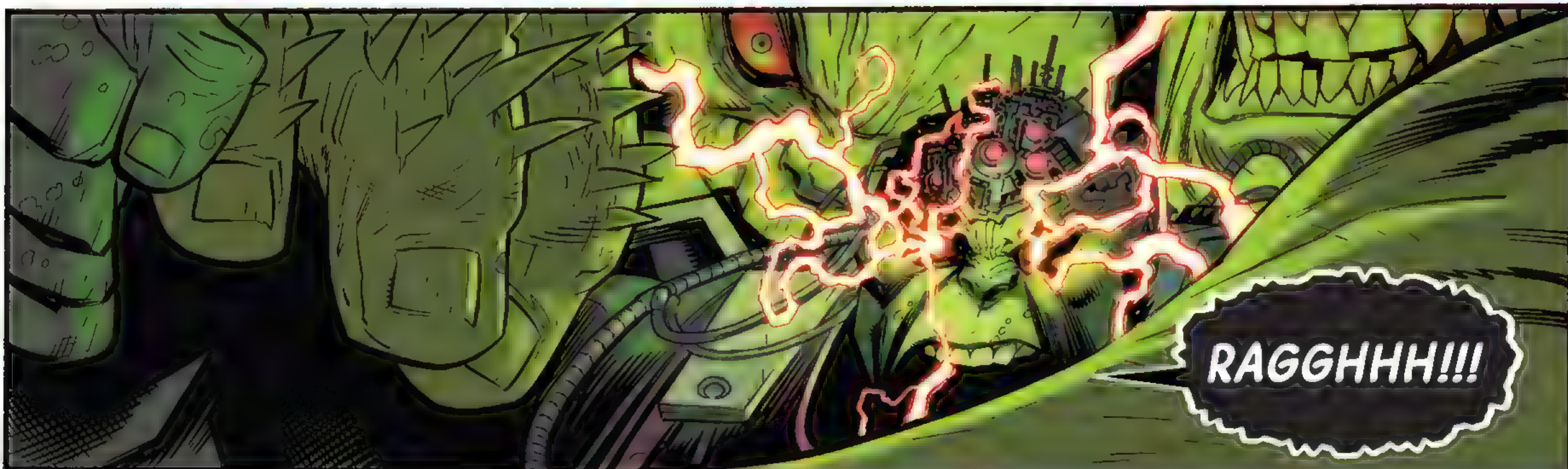
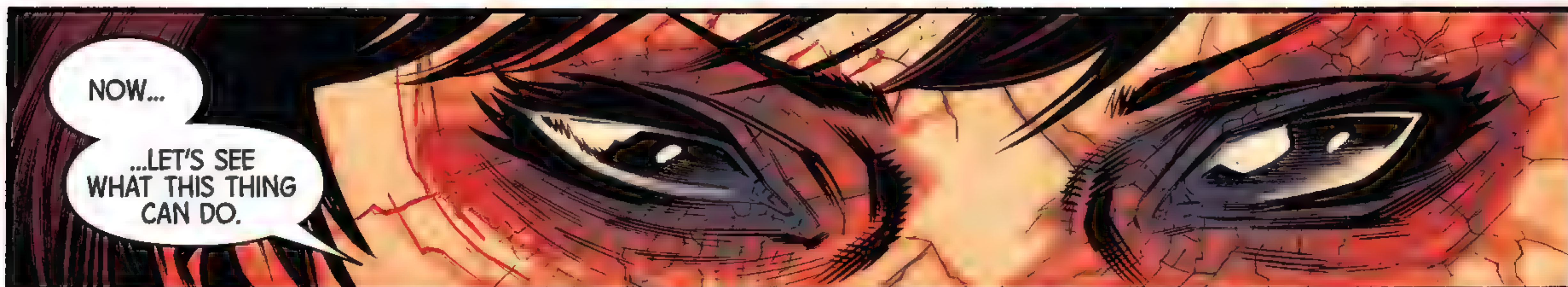
IT REALLY IS
SPECTACULAR,
ISN'T IT?

THIS
THING
YOU'VE
BUILT.

I KNOW
I DON'T
SAY THIS
ENOUGH...









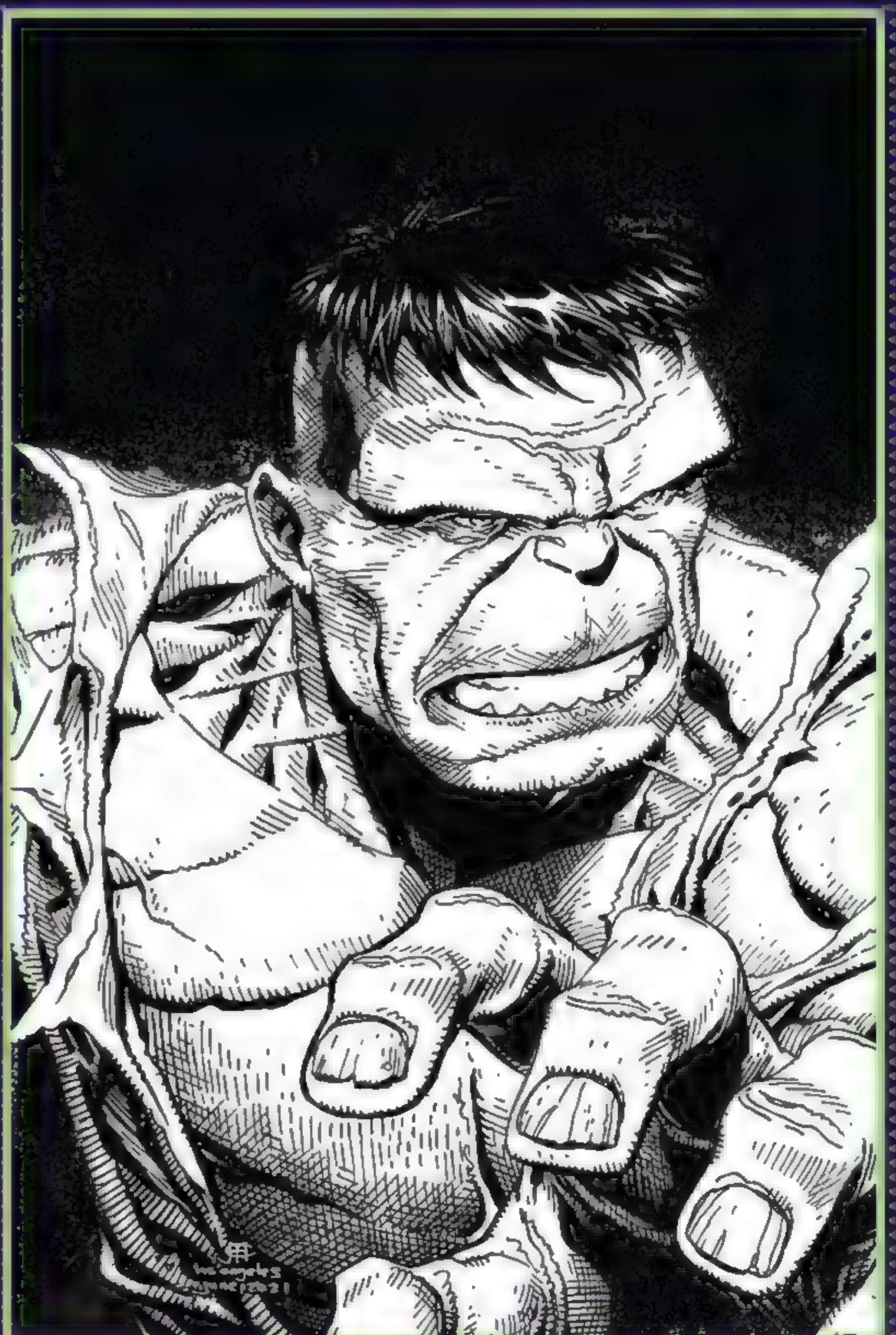
**HULK #2 DEVIL'S REIGN VARIANT BY
PETE WOODS**



**HULK #2 VARIANT BY
ADAM KUBERT & ALEJANDRO SÁNCHEZ**



**HULK #3 CLASSIC HOMAGE VARIANT BY
DAVID NAKAYAMA**



**HULK #3 HEADSHOT SKETCH VARIANT BY
JIM CHEUNG**



HULK #6

"YOU KNOW, I
HAVE A THEORY
OF MY OWN."

**STARSHIP HULK
ENGINE ROOM.**

EVERYONE
ALWAYS SAYS THE
SAME THING.

THAT THE
HULK IS BRUCE'S ID. THE
EMBODIMENT OF A SCARED
LITTLE BOY OVERWHELMED WITH
IMPOTENT RAGE BECAUSE OF THE
ABUSE HE ENDURED WHEN HE
WAS *BLAH BLAH
BLAH...*

**STARSHIP HULK
COMMAND DECK.**

WE'VE
ALL HEARD THE
SAME SAD LITTLE
SONG A MILLION
TIMES.

"I SUPPOSE THERE ARE
OTHER, DEEPER THEORIES...
BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE
THE PREVAILING ONE."

"BUT...SOMETHING
ABOUT IT JUST NEVER
FELT...COMPLETE."

STARSHIP HULK.

IT ALWAYS SEEMED LIKE
SO MUCH...WASTED
POTENTIAL.

WELL. HERE.
LET "BETTY" SHOW
YOU.

TAKE FOR
EXAMPLE...



"THE HULK'S PERSONALITY HAS BEEN TRAPPED IN THE *ENGINE ROOM* OF THIS RIDICULOUS 'STARSHIP' FOR SOME TIME NOW.

"CAGED, ABUSED, AND MADE TO PERFORM A LEVEL OF VIOLENCE AND MAYHEM THAT, WELL...I MEAN, LOOK AT IT. IT'S INSANE.

"IT'S CRUEL INHUMANE.

"I'VE THROTTLED THE ENGINE TO *STAGE NINE*.

"(IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT *STAGE TEN* IS PURELY HYPOTHETICAL.)

"STAGE NINE INCLUDES THE COMBINED MIGHT OF THE KREE, THE SH'AR, THE INHUMANS, SILVER SURFER...

"...AND THE SO-CALLED 'UNIVERSAL CONSTANTS' LIKE THE LIVING TRIBUNAL, THANOS, ADAM WARLOCK AND THE PHOENIX FORCE.

"AH, YES. AND GALACTUS.

"WHO...FOR WHATEVER REASON...

"...APPEARS TO BE A HULK."



WHICH, I
SUPPOSE,
BRINGS ME
TO MY
POINT...

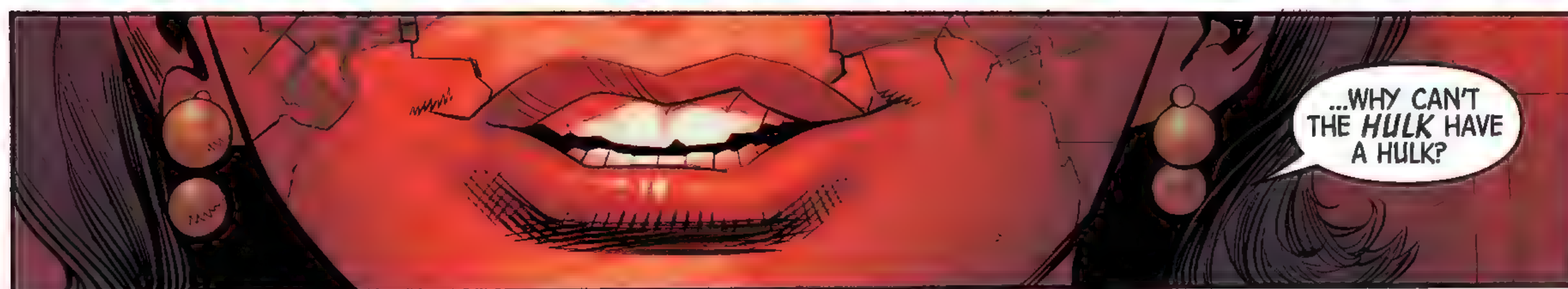
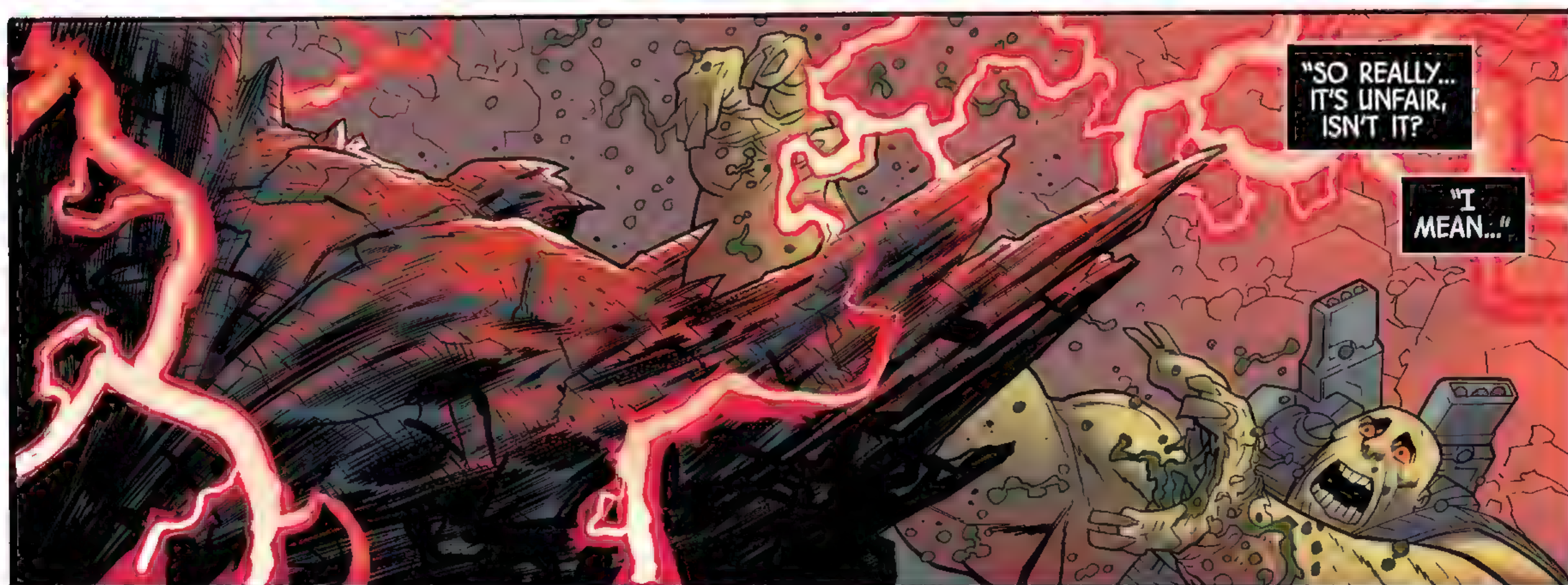
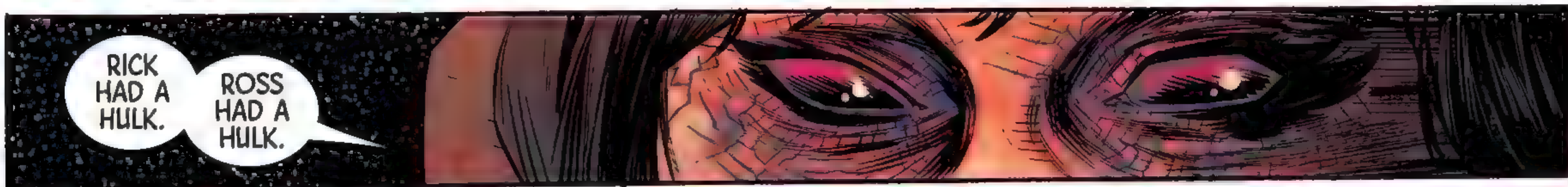


"OVER THE YEARS,
THERE'VE BEEN SO
MANY HULKS.

"GREY ONES,
RED ONES, BLUE ONES,
WOLVERINE ONES...

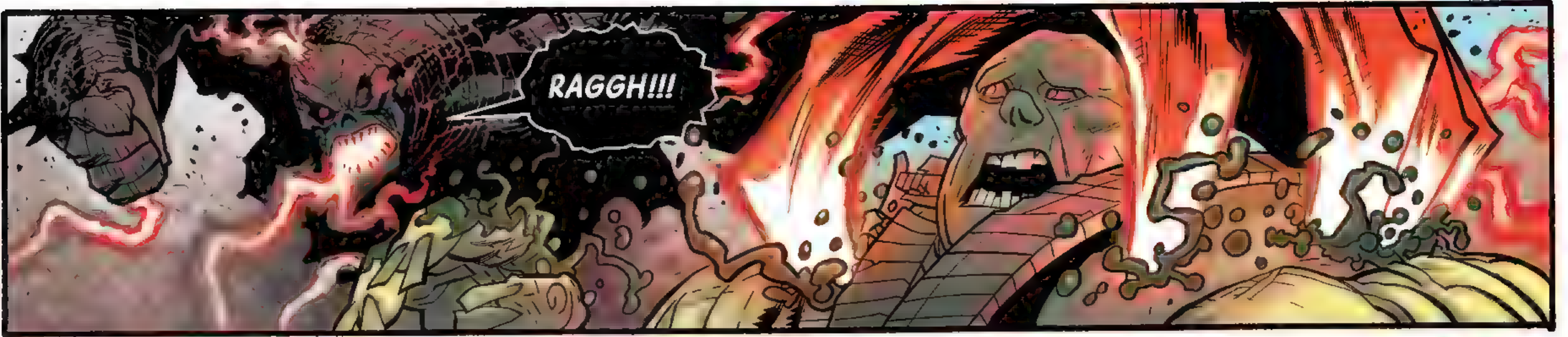


"IT SEEMS TO ME THAT...
WELL, EVERYONE GETS TO
HAVE A HULK THESE DAYS...



RAGE!!!





RAGGH!!!



BANNER!!!



...THESE--
THESE WAVES...
DO NOT CRASH
OVER ME...

...THEY
BREAK ON
ME.

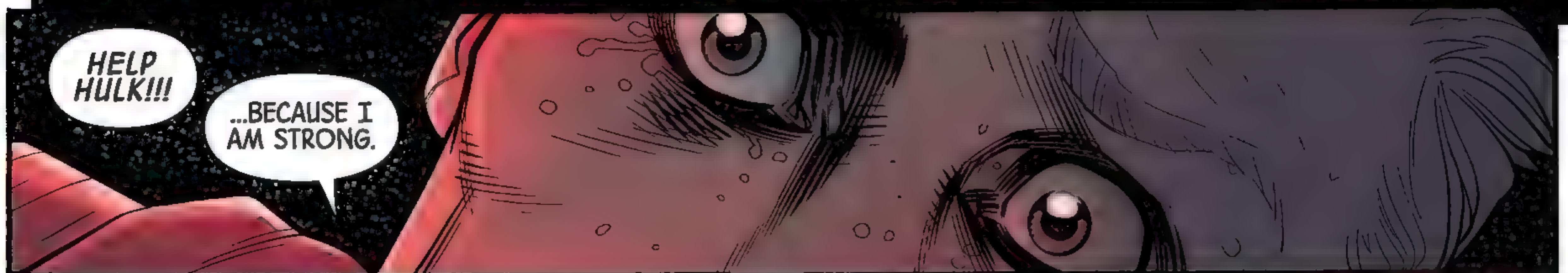
BANNER!!!



BWAAAH



BANNER!
PLEASE!!!



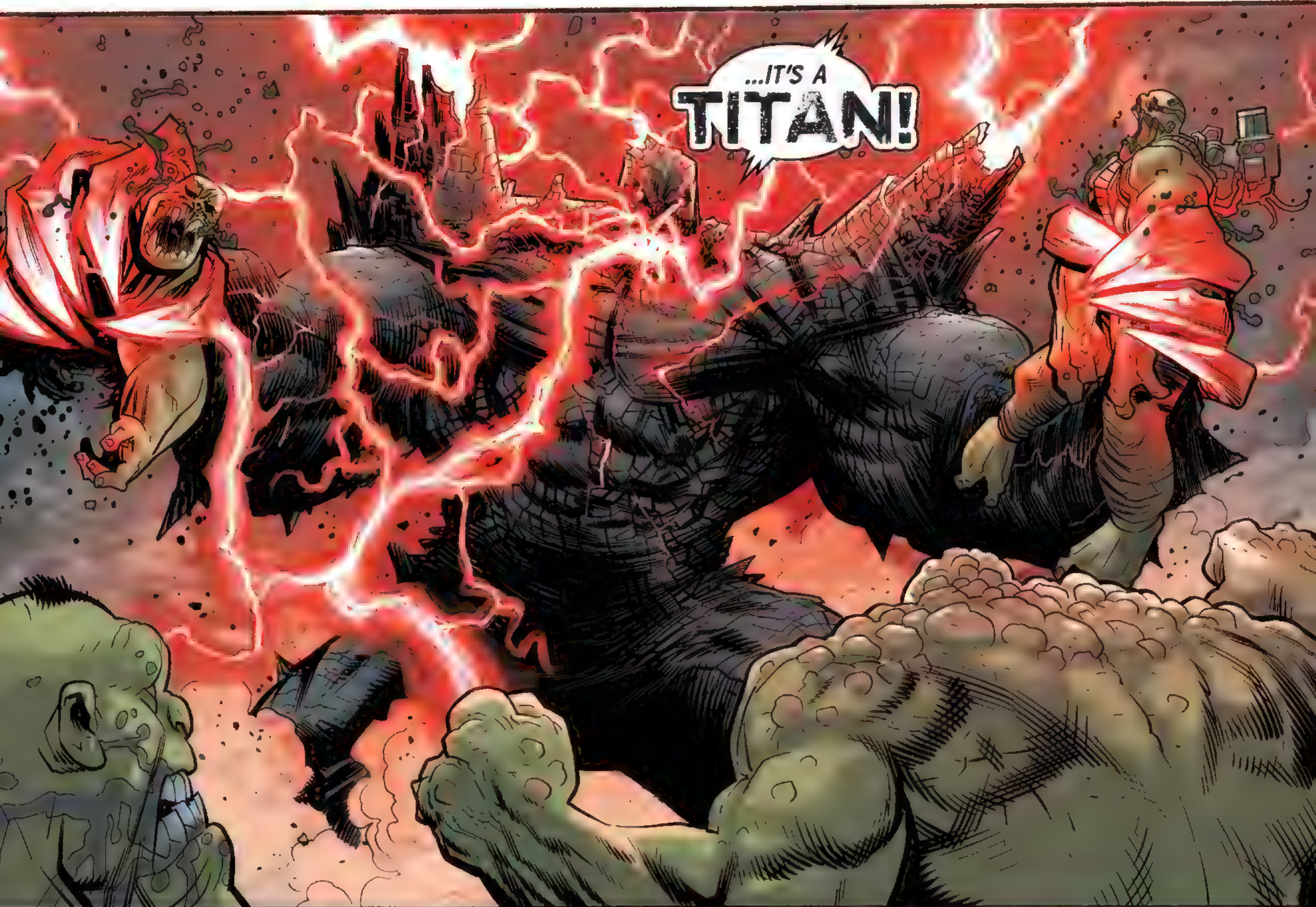
HELP
HULK!!!

...BECAUSE I
AM STRONG.



IT'S DOING
WHAT?!

WE DON'T
KNOW, PRESIDENT
ROSS. IT JUST--IT
CHANGED! IT'S--GOD, IT
MUST BE THIRTY FEET
TALL! I'VE NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING LIKE IT. IT'S
NOT LIKE THE
OTHERS. IT'S...



...IT'S A
TITAN!



ALL RIGHT, DAMMIT.
WE ARE BRINGING
THIS THING
DOWN!

I WANT A
BOMBER IN THE
AIR TEN MINUTES AGO.
SEE HOW THIS THING
ENJOYS--

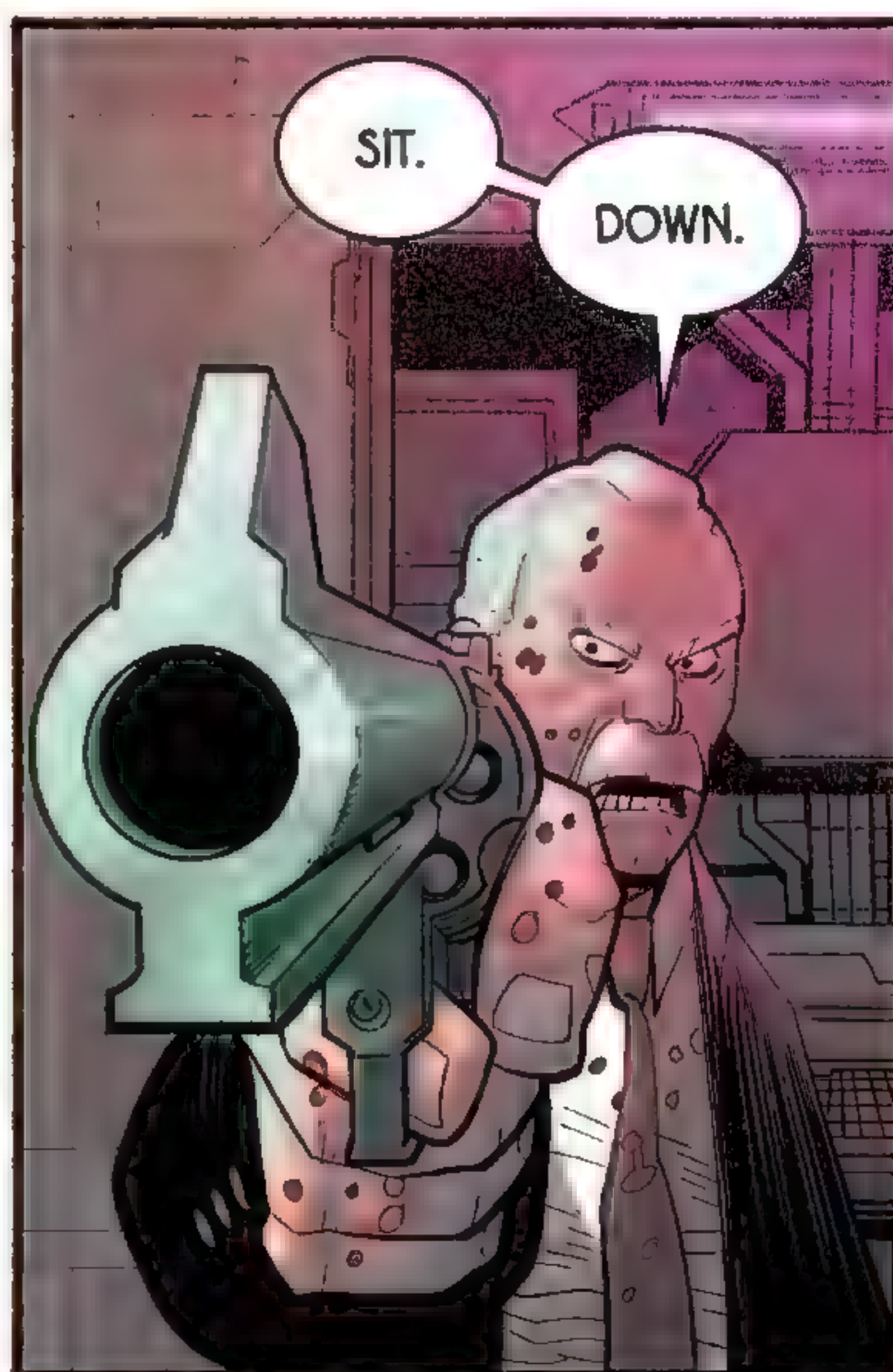
WAIT. NO!
NO, YOU CAN'T
BE SERIOUS!



THAT'S INSANE.
YOU CAN'T DROP
ONE OF THOSE OUT
THERE. THERE ARE AT
LEAST THREE MAJOR
CITIES WITHIN THE
BLAST RADIUS
OF--

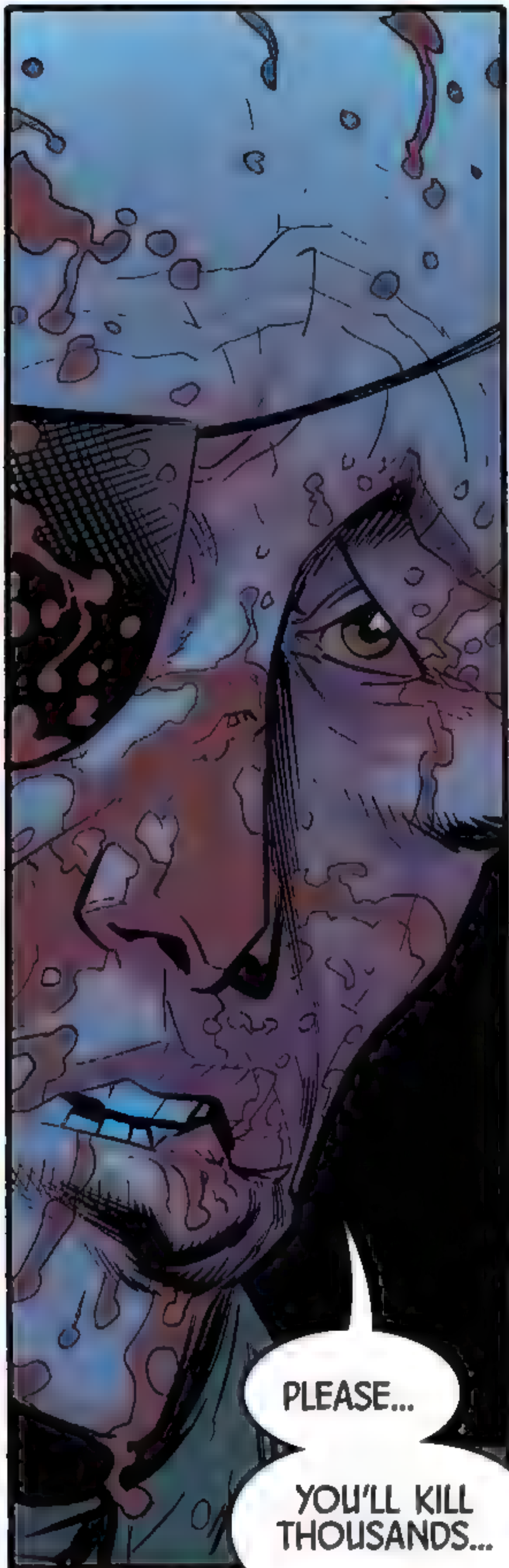
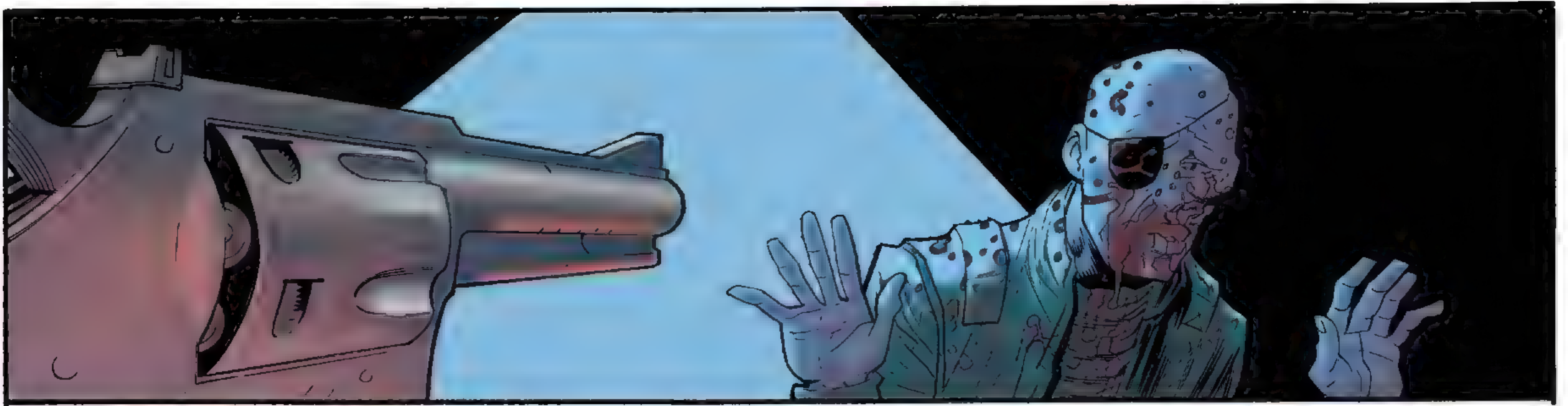
SIT DOWN,
BANNER.

NO! LISTEN
TO ME. YOU CANNOT
DROP A GAMMA BOMB ON
A HULK AND EXPECT IT TO--



SIT.

DOWN.

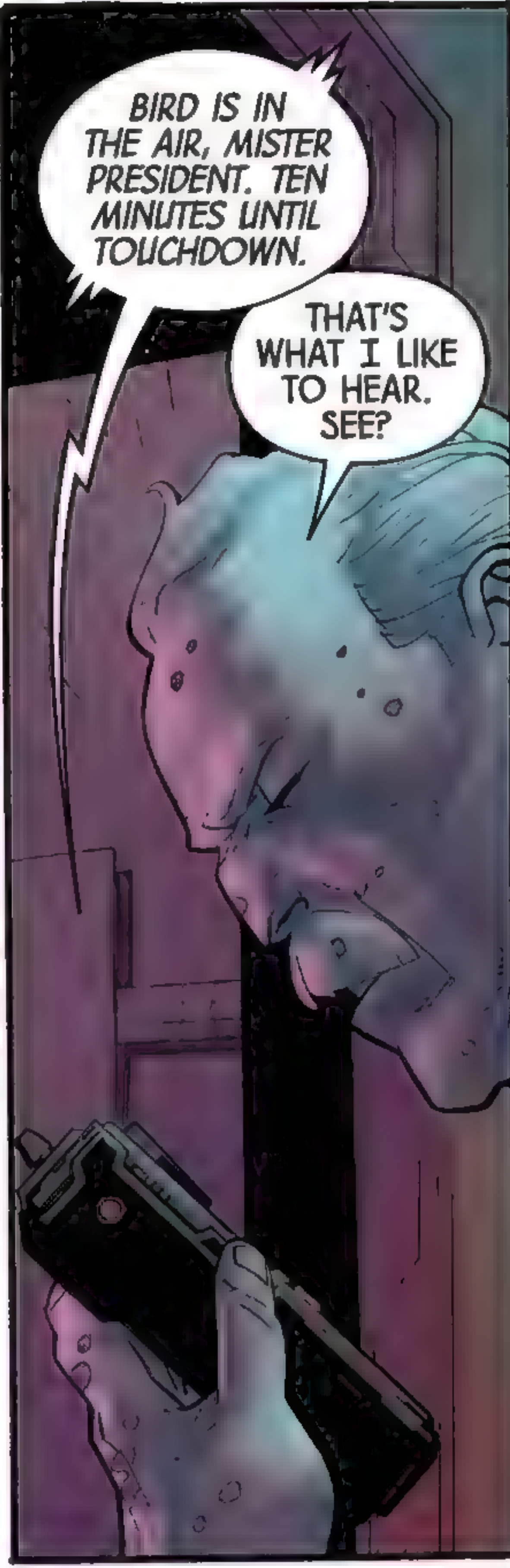
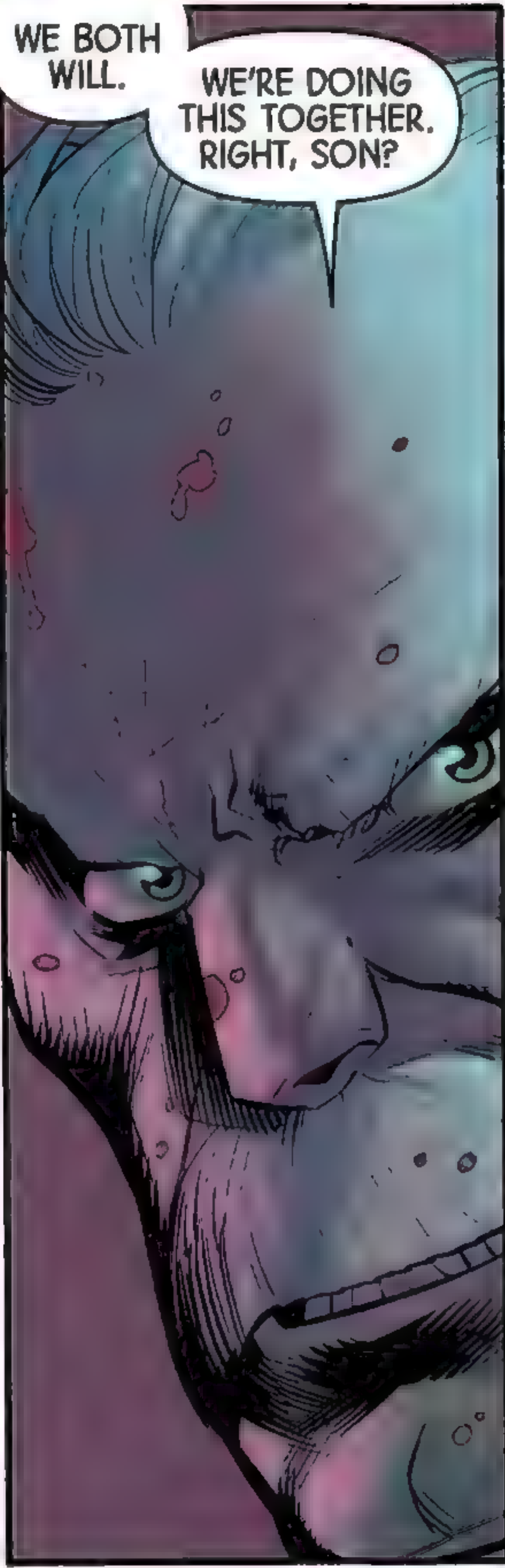


PLEASE...

YOU'LL KILL THOUSANDS...

WE BOTH WILL.

WE'RE DOING THIS TOGETHER. RIGHT, SON?



BIRD IS IN THE AIR, MISTER PRESIDENT. TEN MINUTES UNTIL TOUCHDOWN.

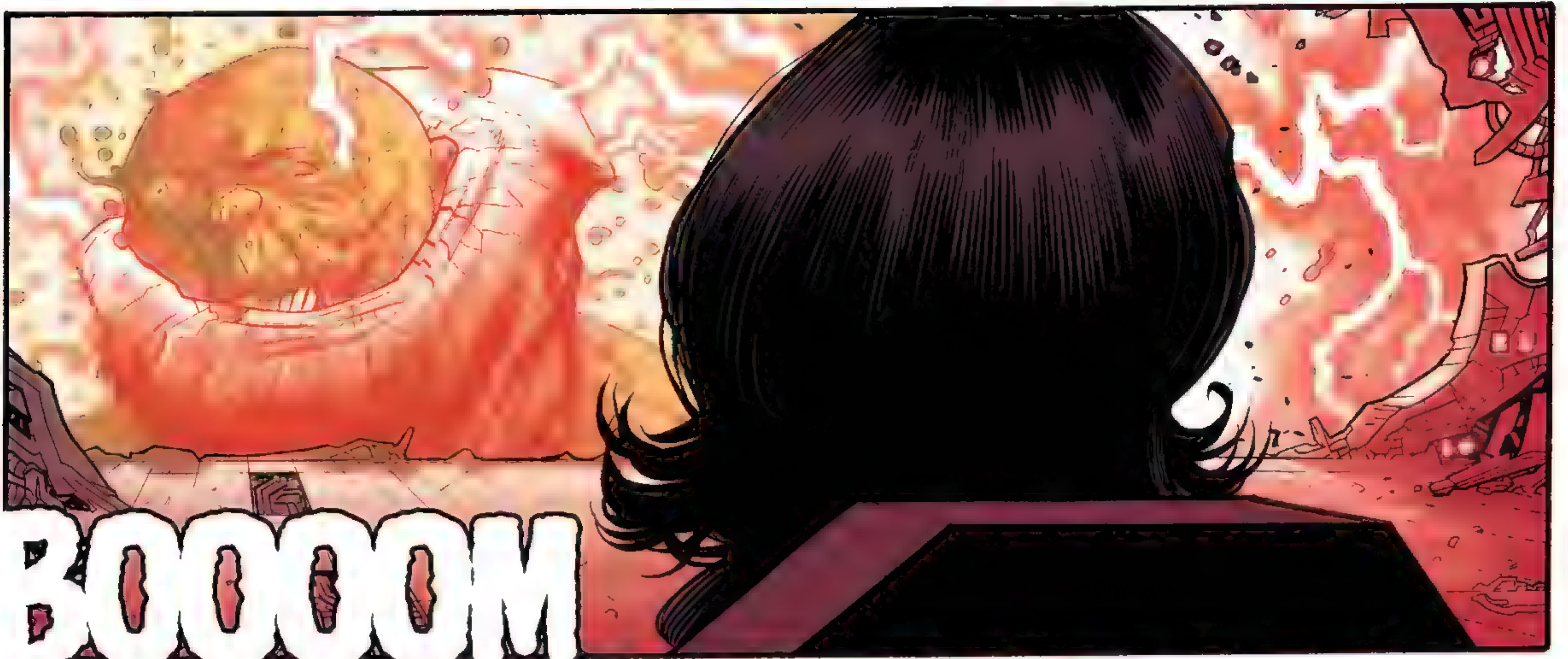
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR. SEE?

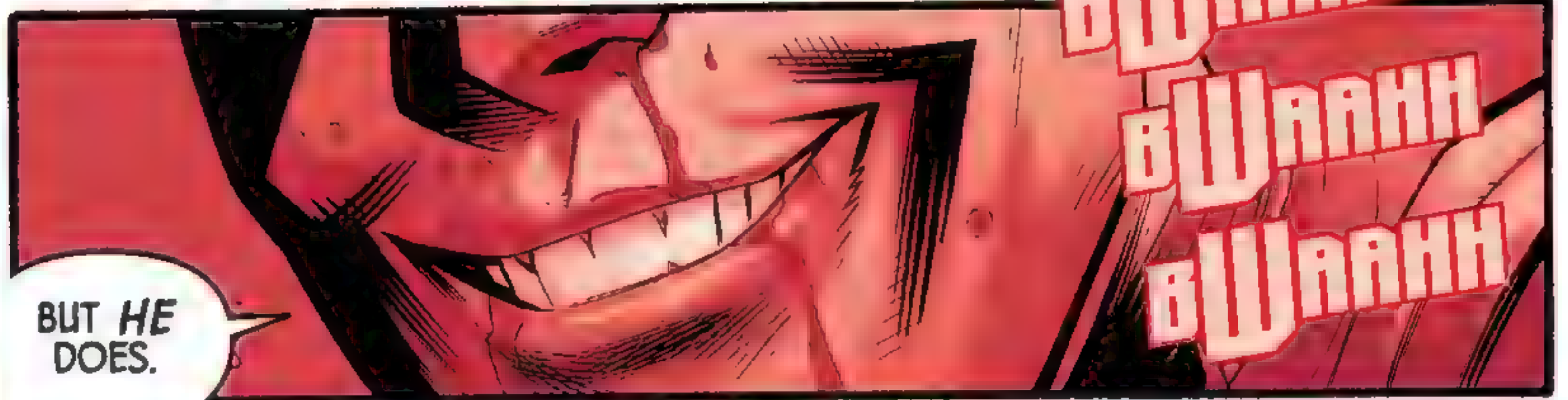
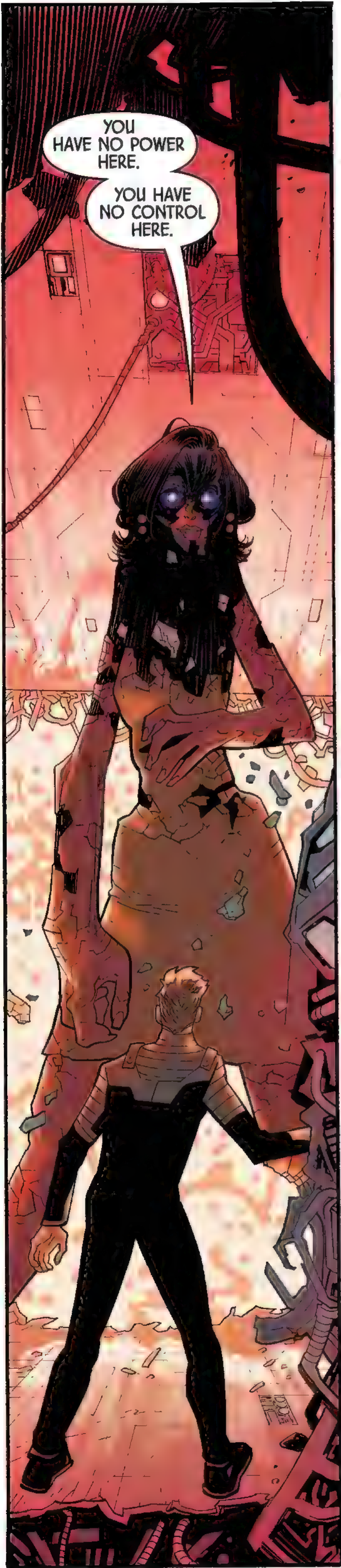


THAT WASN'T SO HARD. NOW GET ME COMMS ON THE LINE. WE'RE GOING TO NEED A HELL OF A STORY TO SELL TO THE LAMBS WHEN WE GET THIS--



AGGHHH!!!









BANNER!!!



BANNER!
PUT IT DOWN!!!
WE CAN STILL
TALK ABOUT--

NO!
NO MORE
TALKING!
THIS--



--IS OVER.
WHATEVER YOU
ARE...

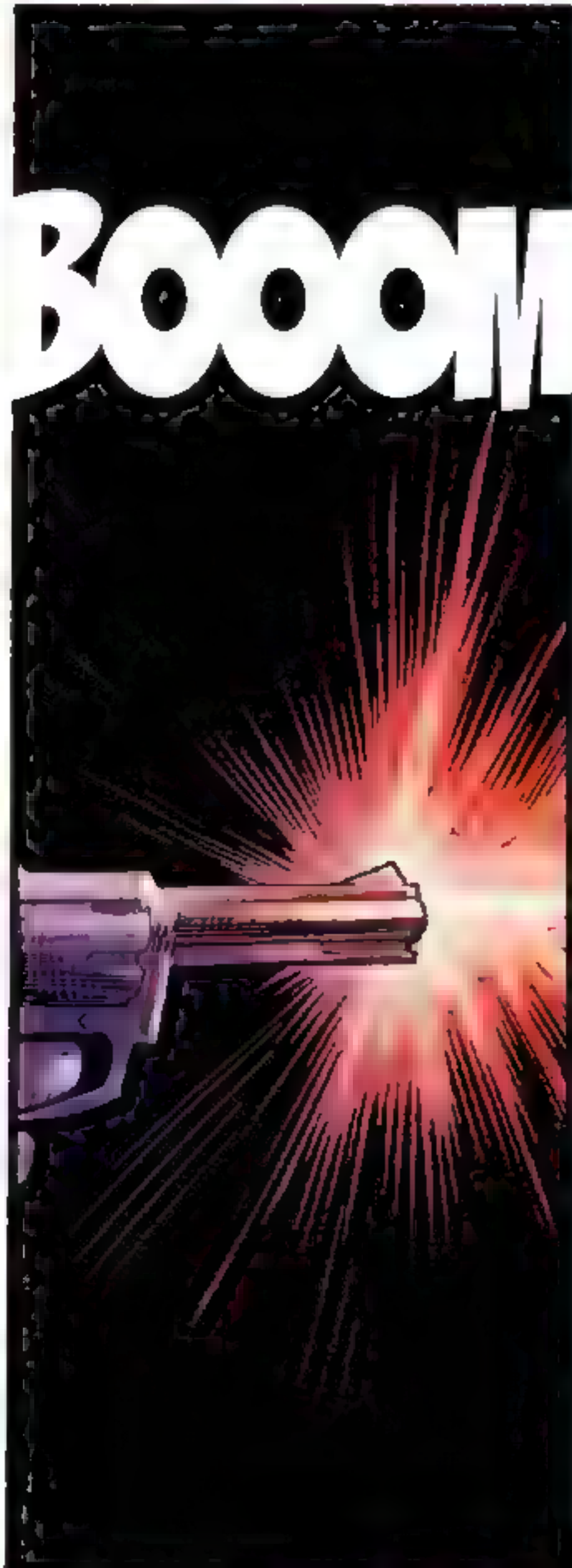
...YOU CAN'T
CONTROL ME
ANYMORE.

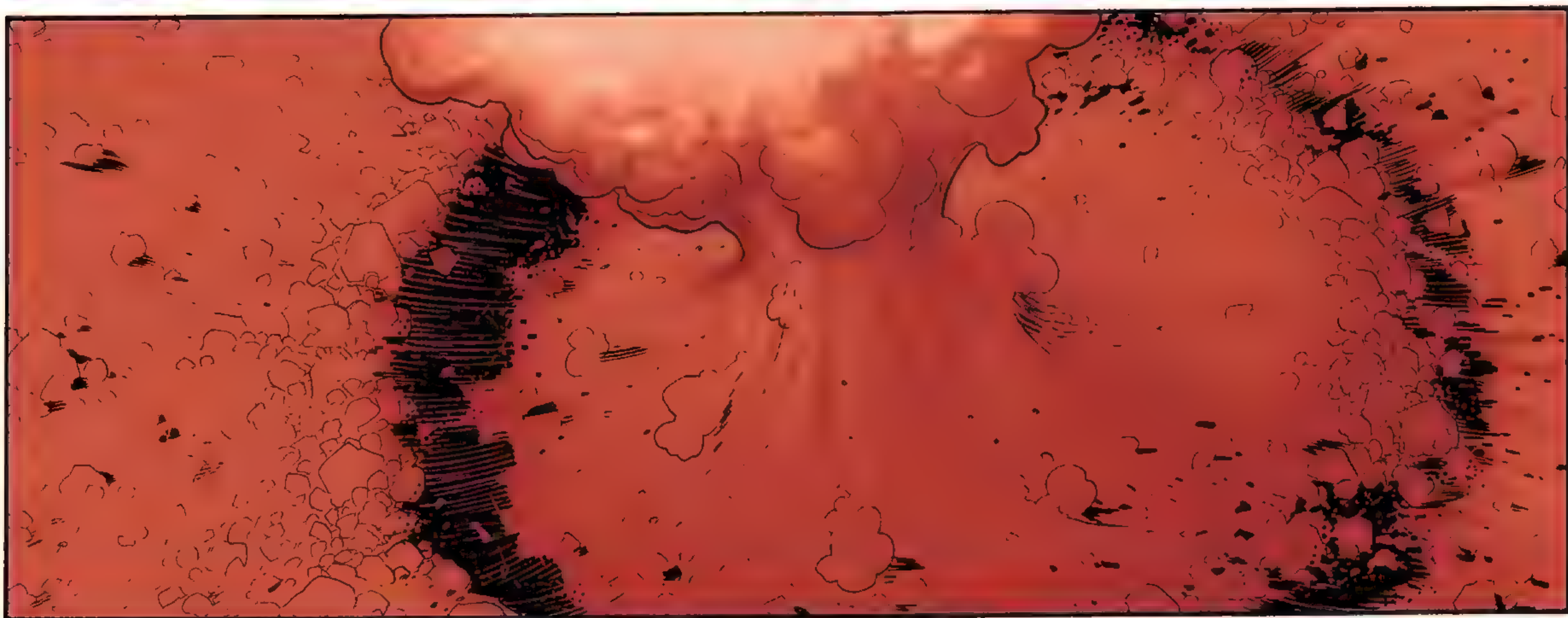
LISTEN TO
YOURSELF!!! YOU
AREN'T--

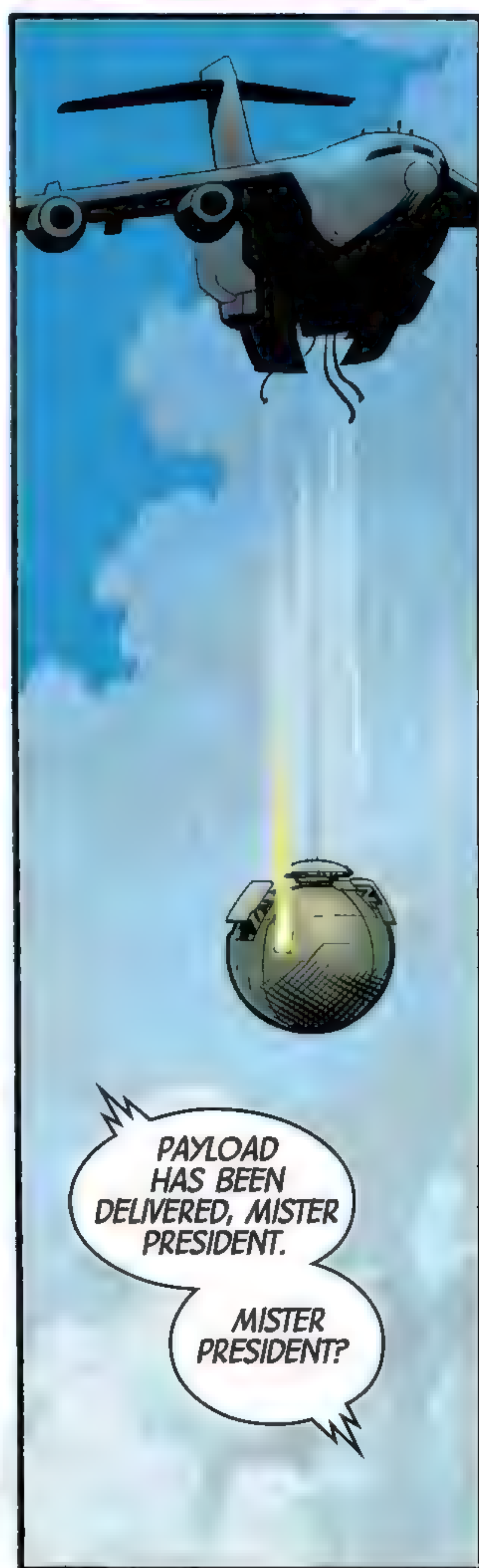
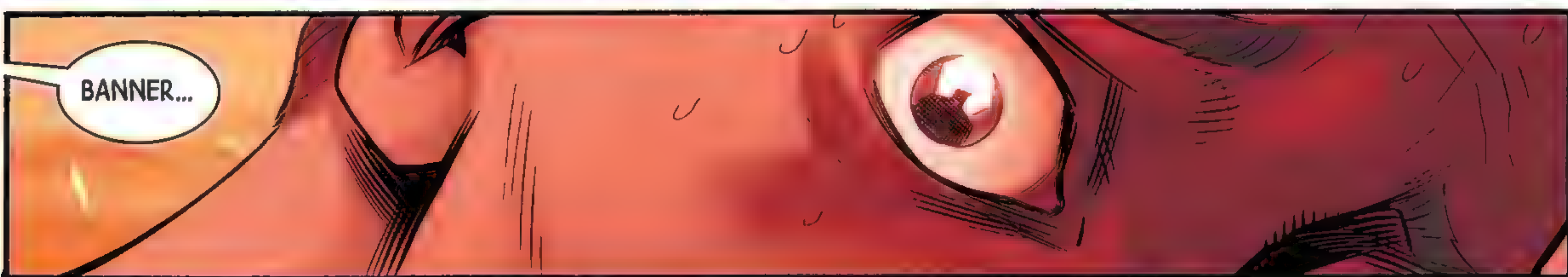


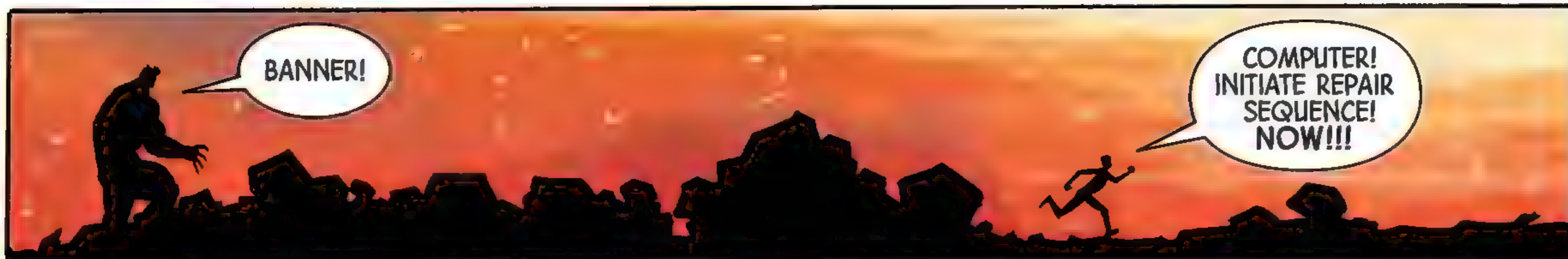
--A KILLER,
SON.

YOU DON'T
HAVE IT IN
YOU.



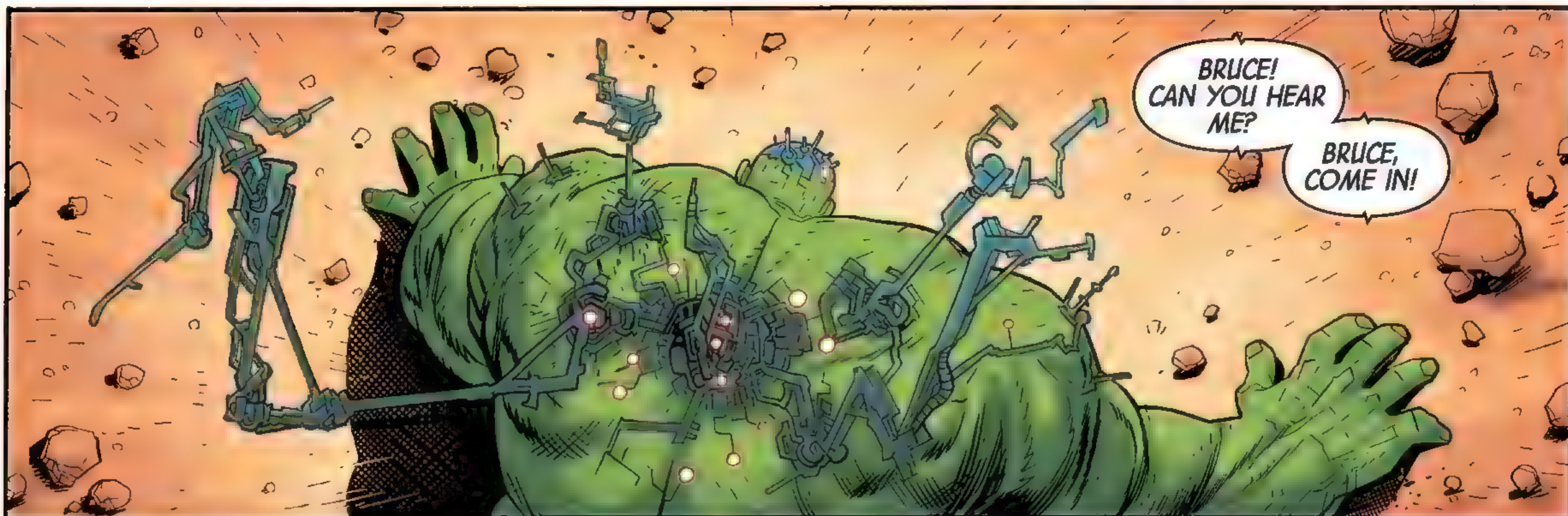






BANNER!

COMPUTER!
INITIATE REPAIR
SEQUENCE!
NOW!!!



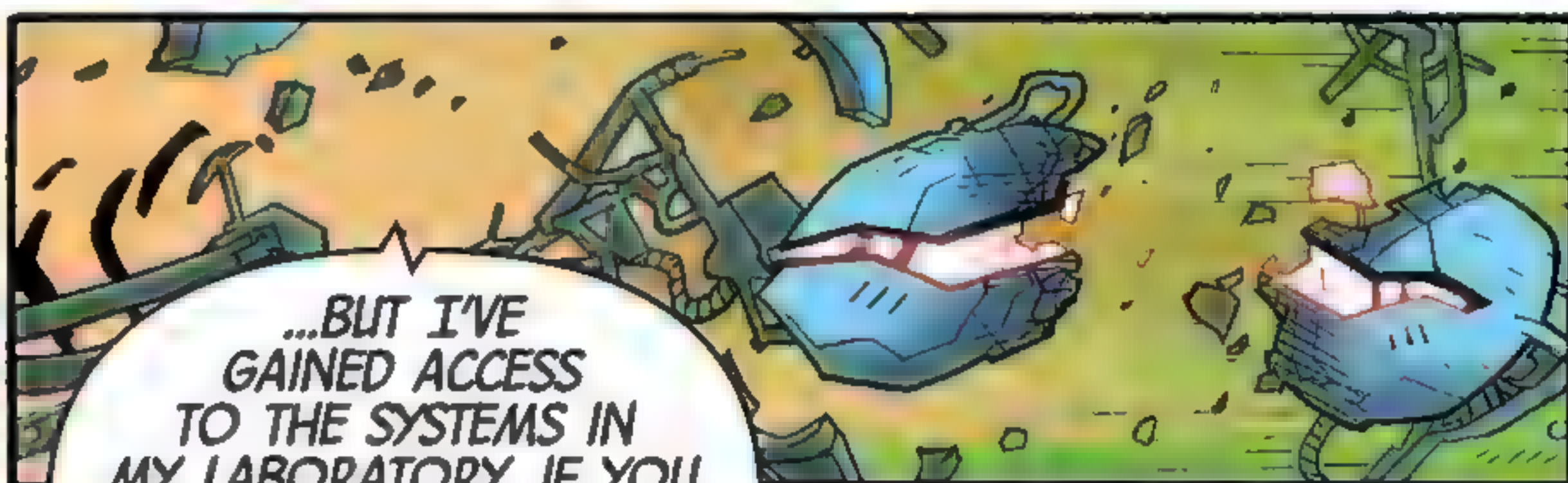
BRUCE!
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?

BRUCE,
COME IN!

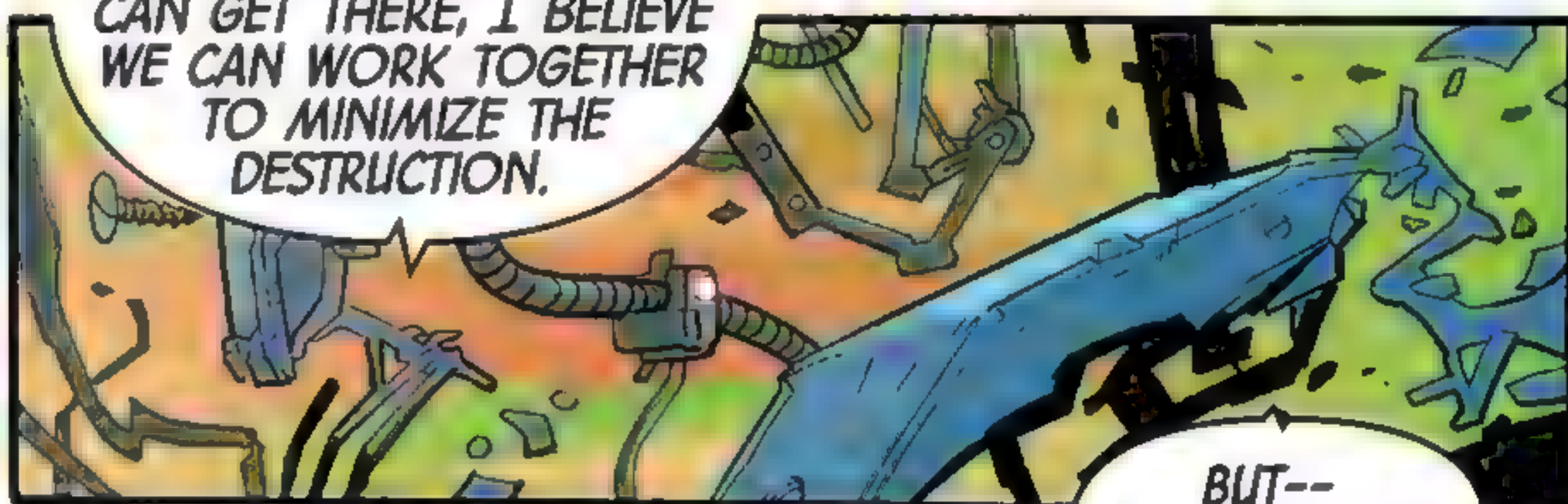


I DON'T
KNOW IF YOU
CAN HEAR ME
OR NOT...

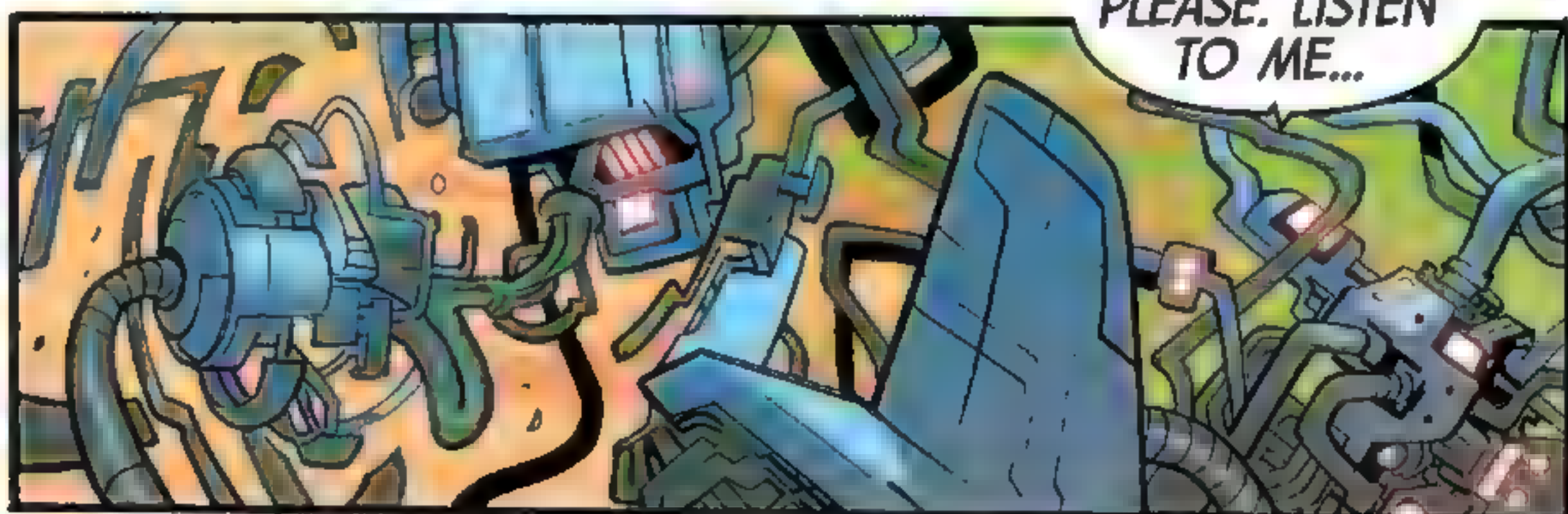
...BUT ROSS
HAS LAUNCHED A
G-BOMB TO STOP
YOU. THE FALLOUT
WILL KILL THOUSANDS
AND I--I CAN'T
STOP IT...



...BUT I'VE
GAINED ACCESS
TO THE SYSTEMS IN
MY LABORATORY. IF YOU
CAN GET THERE, I BELIEVE
WE CAN WORK TOGETHER
TO MINIMIZE THE
DESTRUCTION.



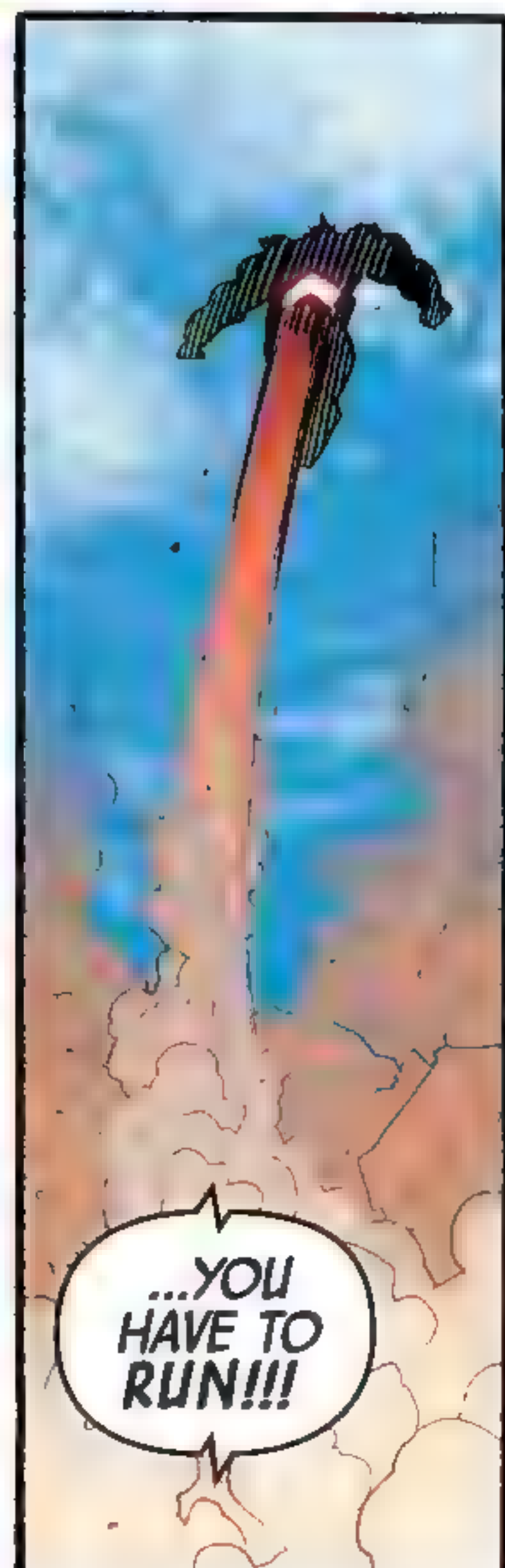
BUT--
PLEASE, LISTEN
TO ME...



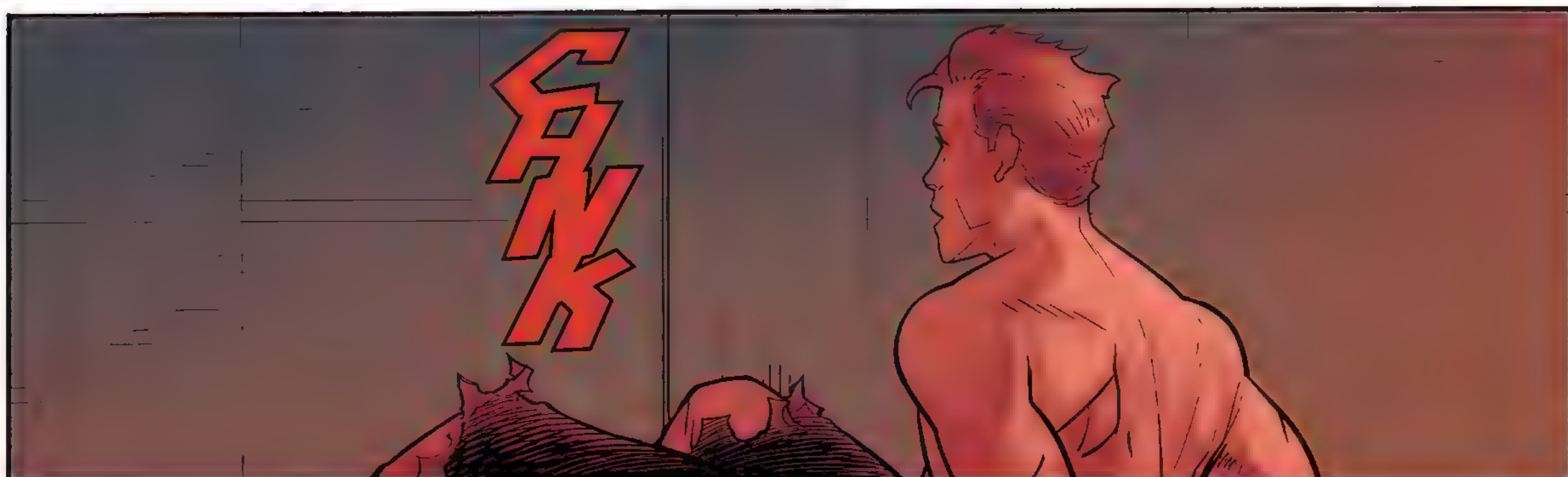
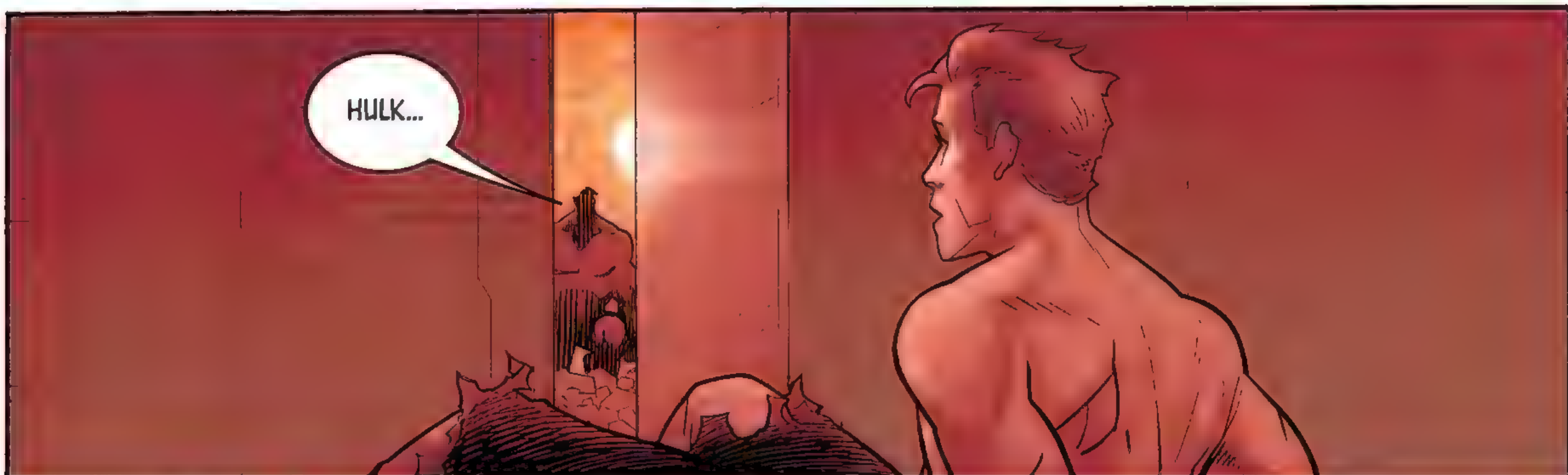
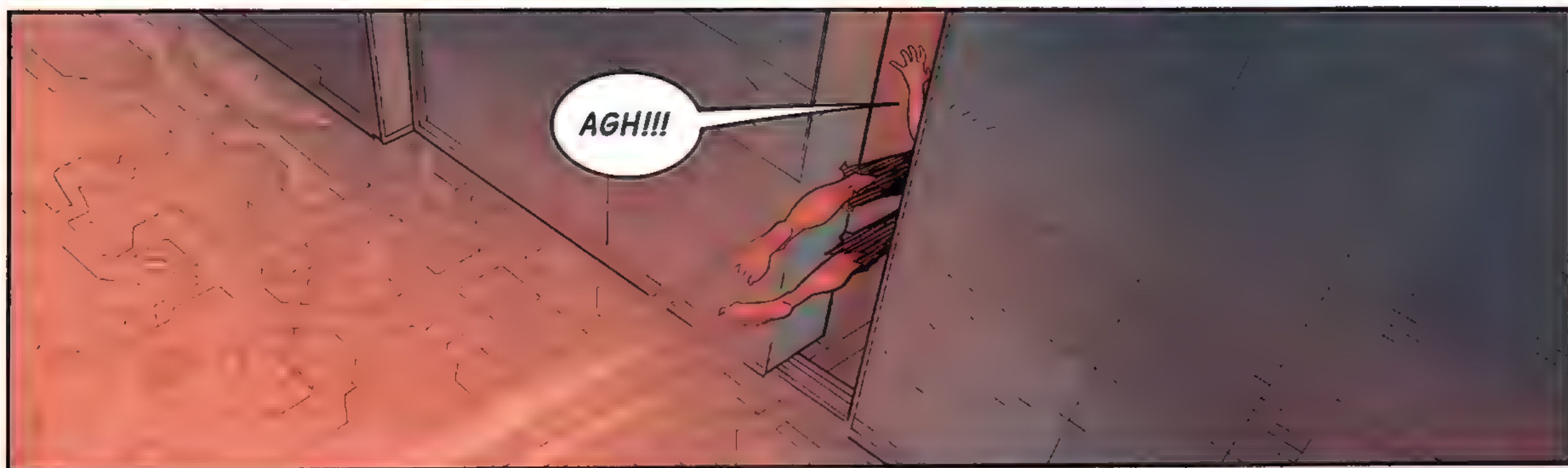
BANNER!!!

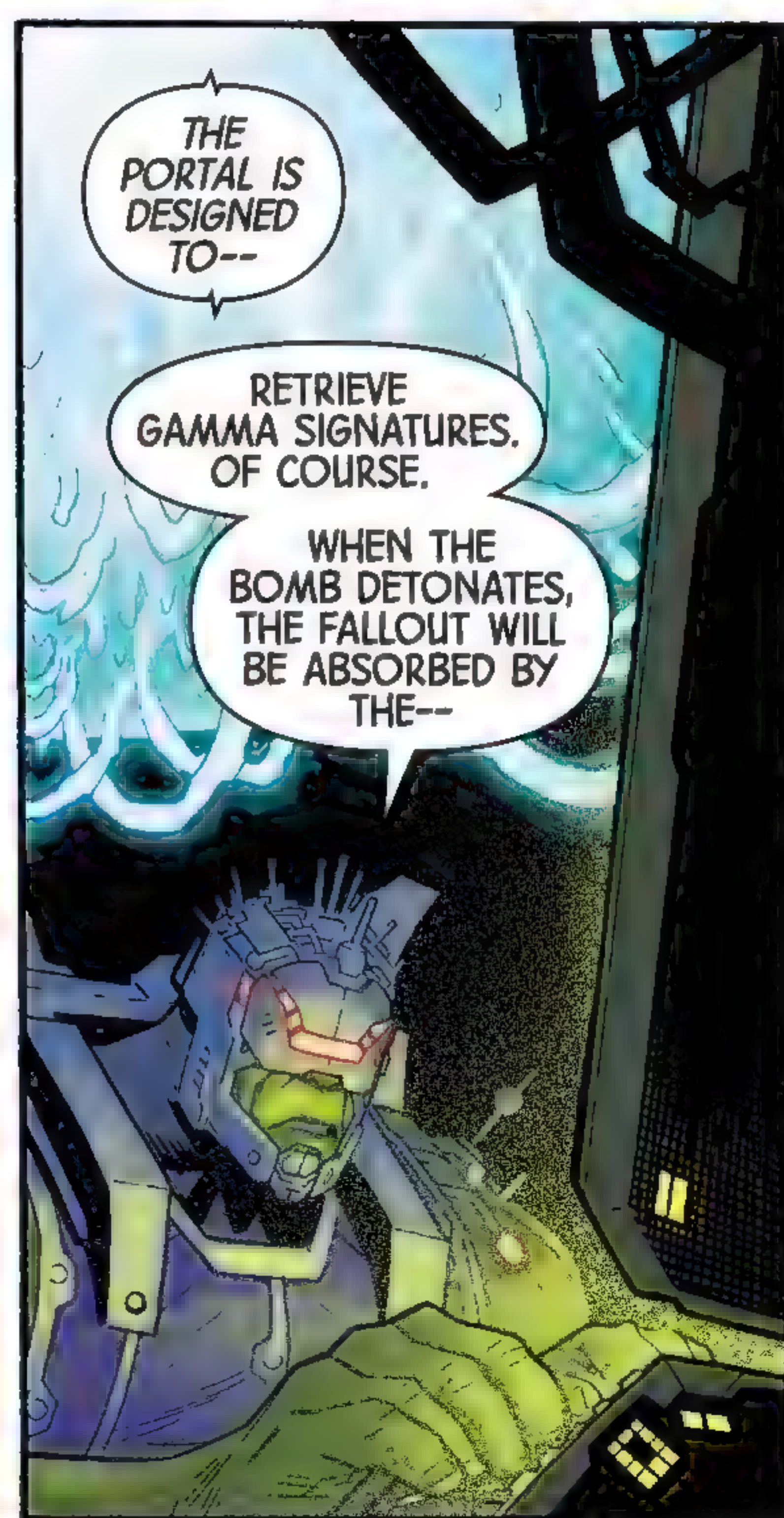
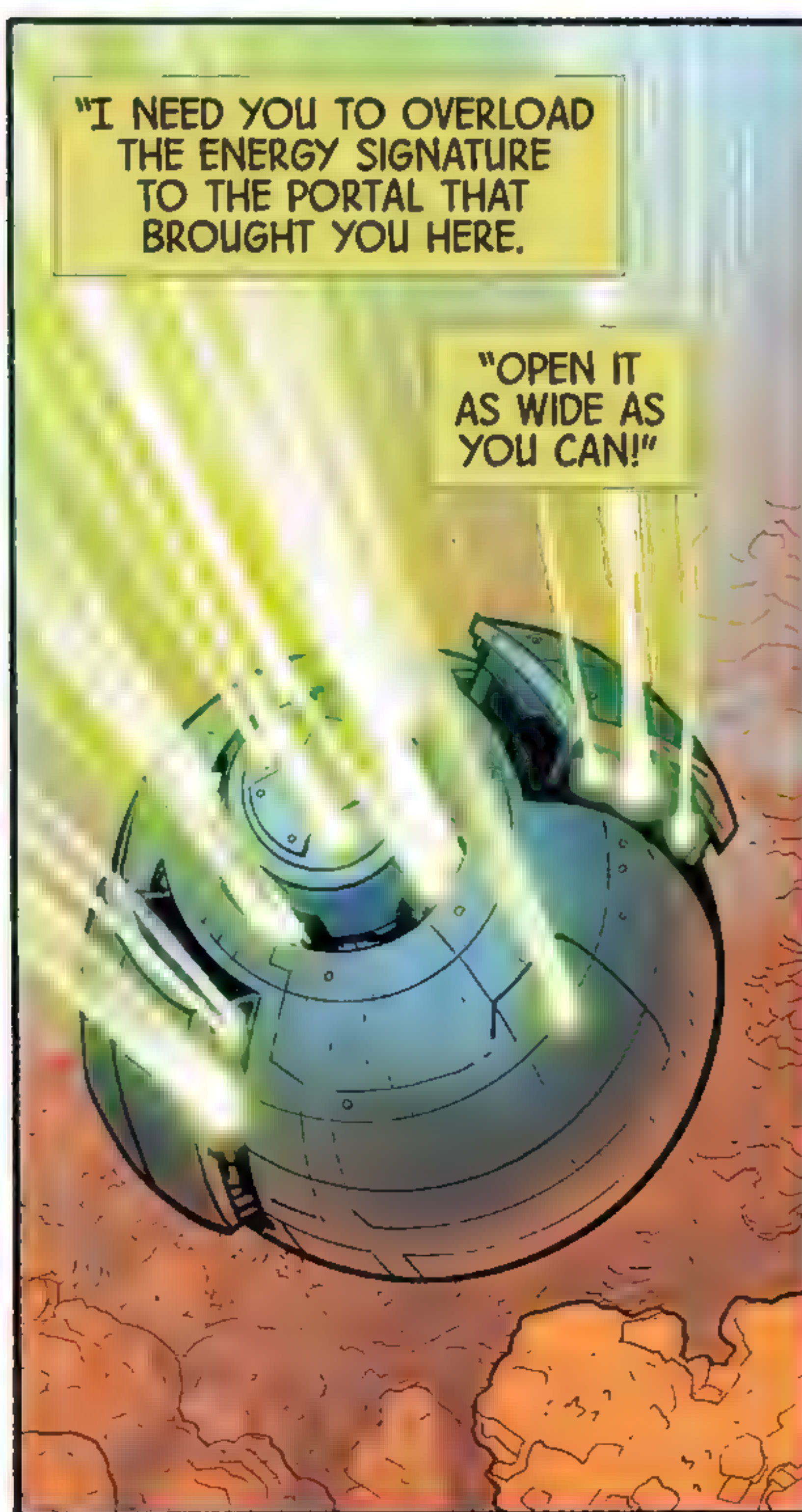


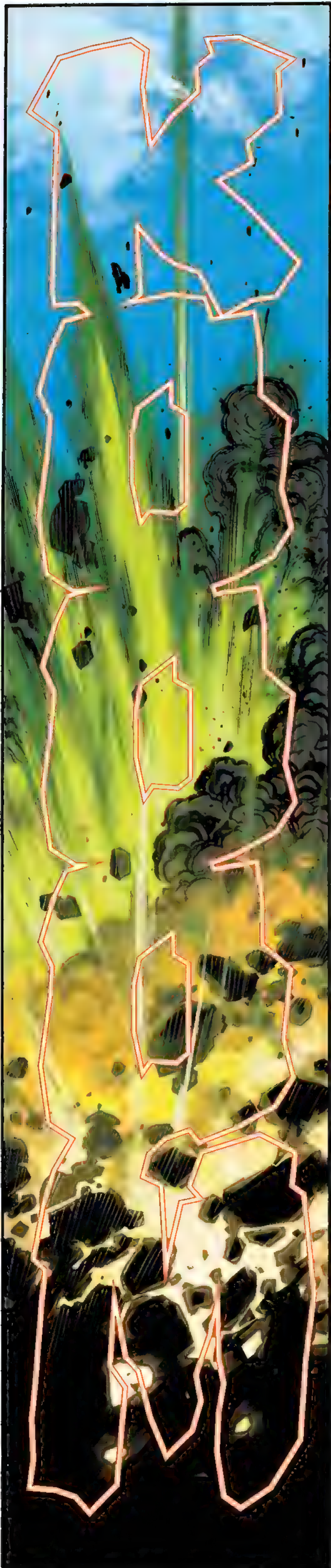
ARGH!!!



...YOU
HAVE TO
RUN!!!







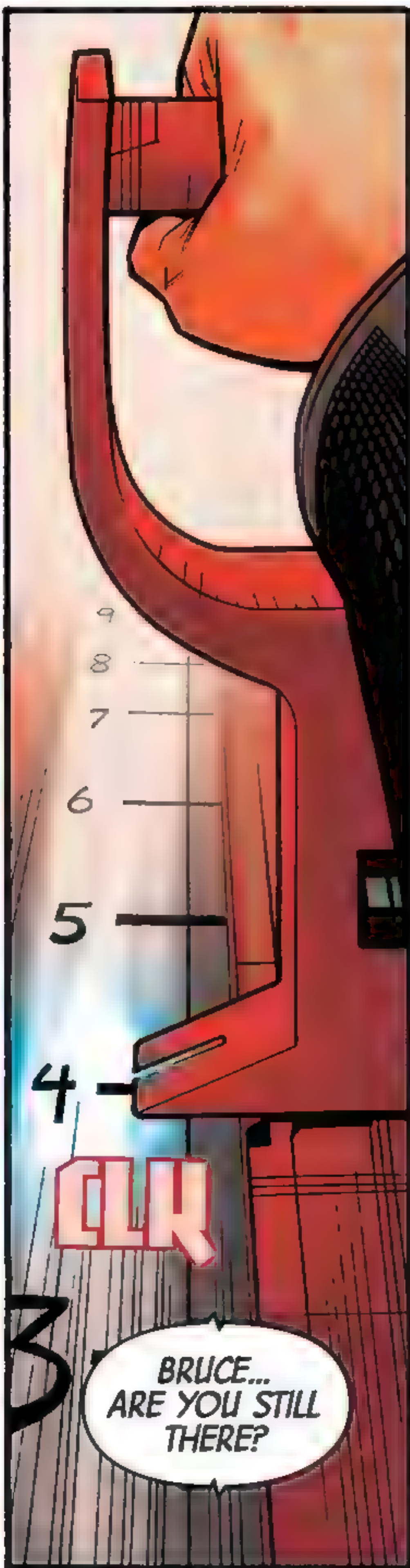
BRUCE! IT'S WORKING! THE RADIATION! IT'S BEING SIPHONED OFF AND ABSORBED...

THANK YOU. I'M SORRY IT HAD TO END LIKE THIS, BUT--

IT'S OKAY...



...THIS WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BLOW UP IN MY FACE.

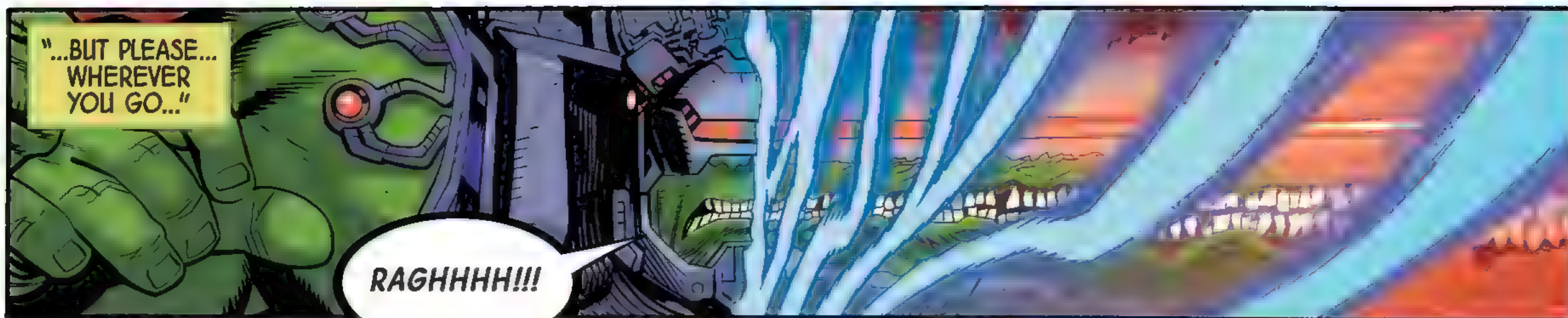


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BRUCE... ARE YOU STILL THERE?



I'M NOT SURE WHERE THAT PORTAL WILL SEND YOU...



"...BUT PLEASE...
WHEREVER
YOU GO..."

RAGHHHH!!!

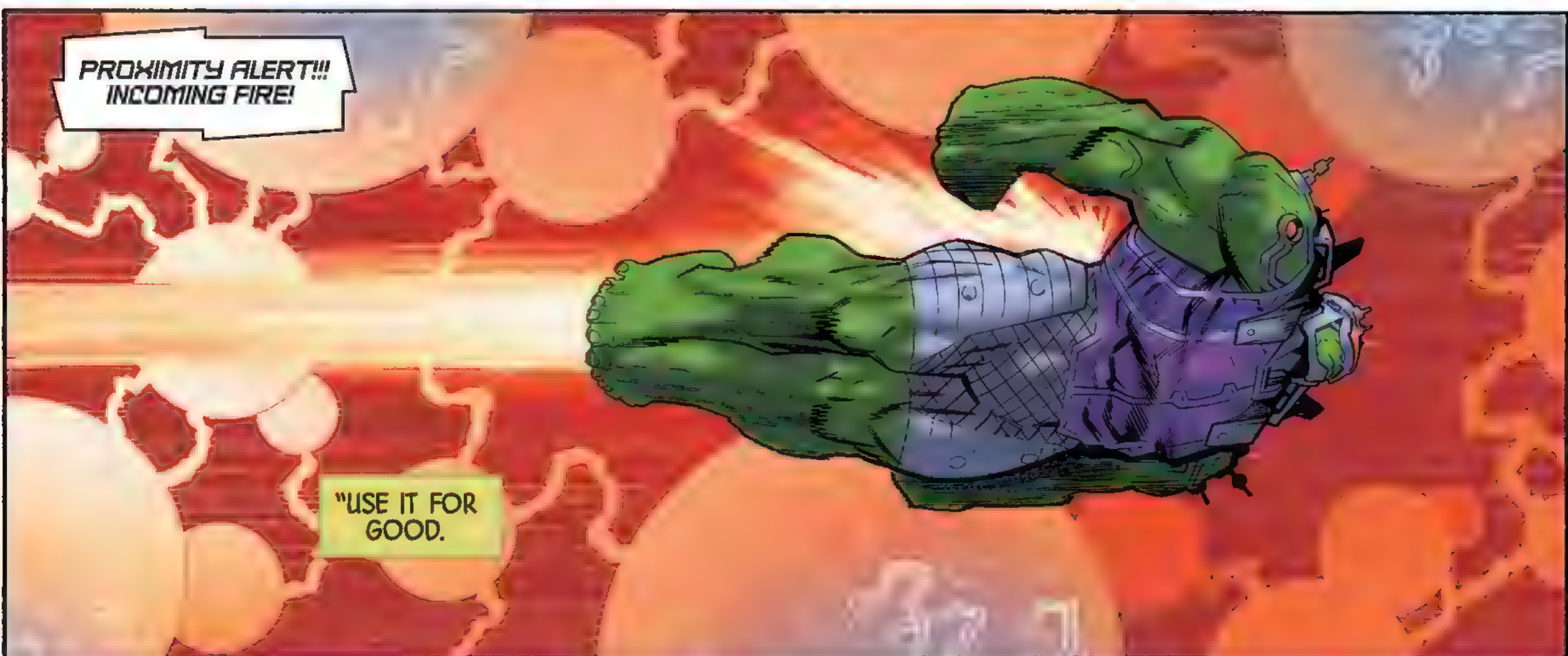


...I HOPE,
I PRAY, THAT
YOU DON'T END
UP LIKE ME...



"...DO NOT
BECOME
ANOTHER
WEAPON..."

"USE WHAT
YOU HAVE...
THIS...GREAT,
INDESTRUCTIBLE
MIRACLE OF
YOURS..."



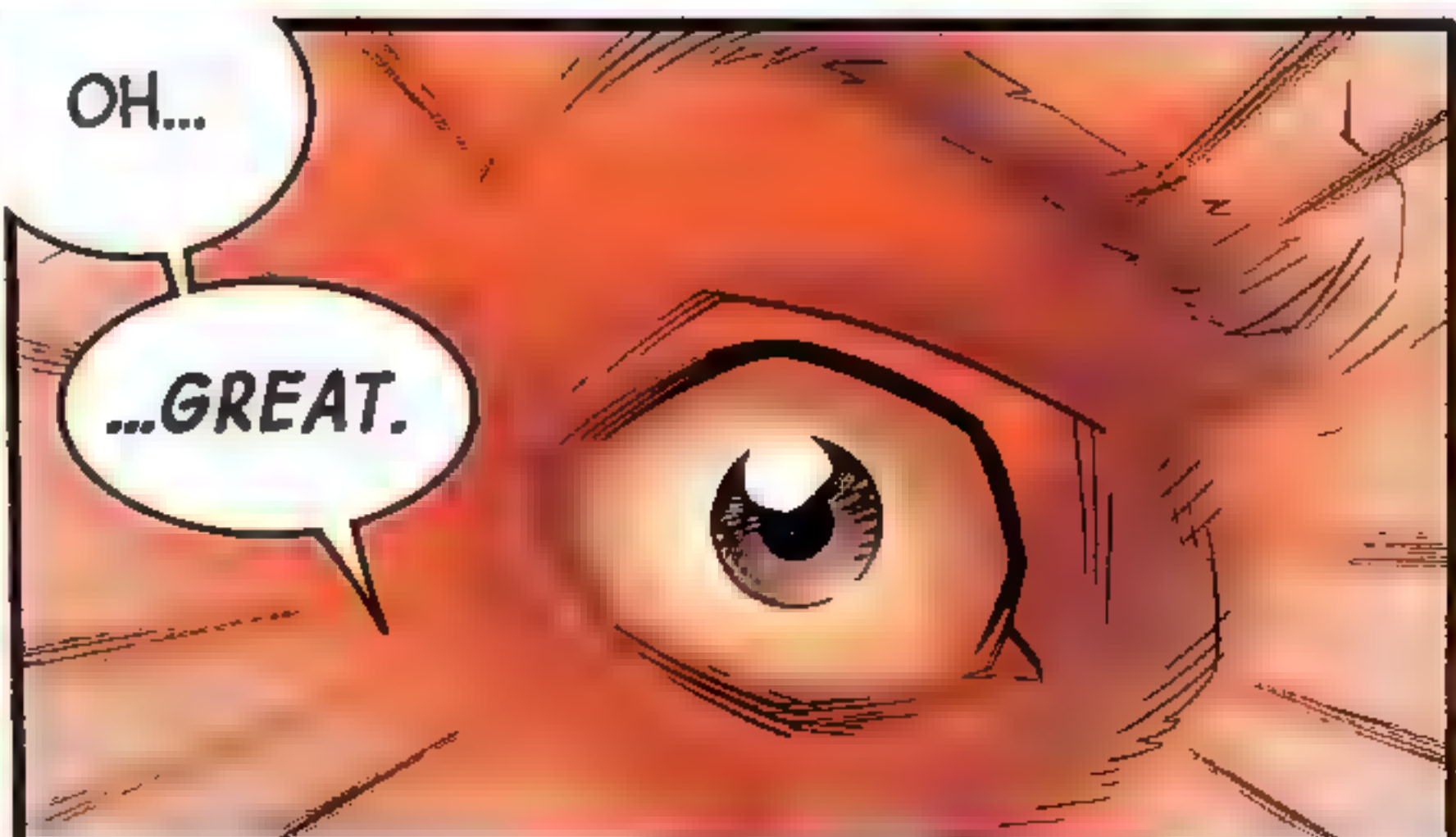
PROXIMITY ALERT!!!
INCOMING FIRE!

"USE IT FOR
GOOD."



"INCOMING"?
OUT HERE? WHO
IN THE HELL COULD
EVEN FIND US
OUT--?

"USE IT..."



OH...

...GREAT.

"...FOR PEACE."





HULK #3 VARIANT BY TRADD MOORE & HEATHER MOORE



**HULK VS. THOR:
BANNER OF WAR ALPHA**

GREETINGS.
I...AM THE
WATCHER.

MY SWORN
DUTY...IS TO WITNESS
AND CATALOG SUCH...
SEISMIC EVENTS THAT
WOULD SHAPE AND
ALTER THE COURSE OF
HISTORY ITSELF.

I AM CALLED
UATU.

AND I AM HERE
TO BEAR WITNESS TO
THE **GREATEST BATTLE**
THAT ANY WORLD HAS
EVER KNOWN. A BATTLE
BETWEEN TWO **LEGENDARY**
AND **UNBREAKABLE**
FOES...

THE MIGHTY
THOR. AND
THE INCREDIBLE
HULK.

THESE TWO
LEVIATHANS HAVE
FOUGHT IN THE
PAST, THIS
IS TRUE...

BUT
NOT LIKE
THIS.

NO. THIS
TIME...RAGE AND
THUNDER SHALL
COLLIDE IN A WAR SO
BRILLIANT AND AWESOME
THAT STORIES OF IT WILL
BE SUNG FOR UNTOLD
MILLENNIA.

MAKE
NO MISTAKE--
THIS...

...THIS IS A
BATTLE UNLIKE
ANY YOU HAVE
EVER SEEN.

BUT
FIRST...

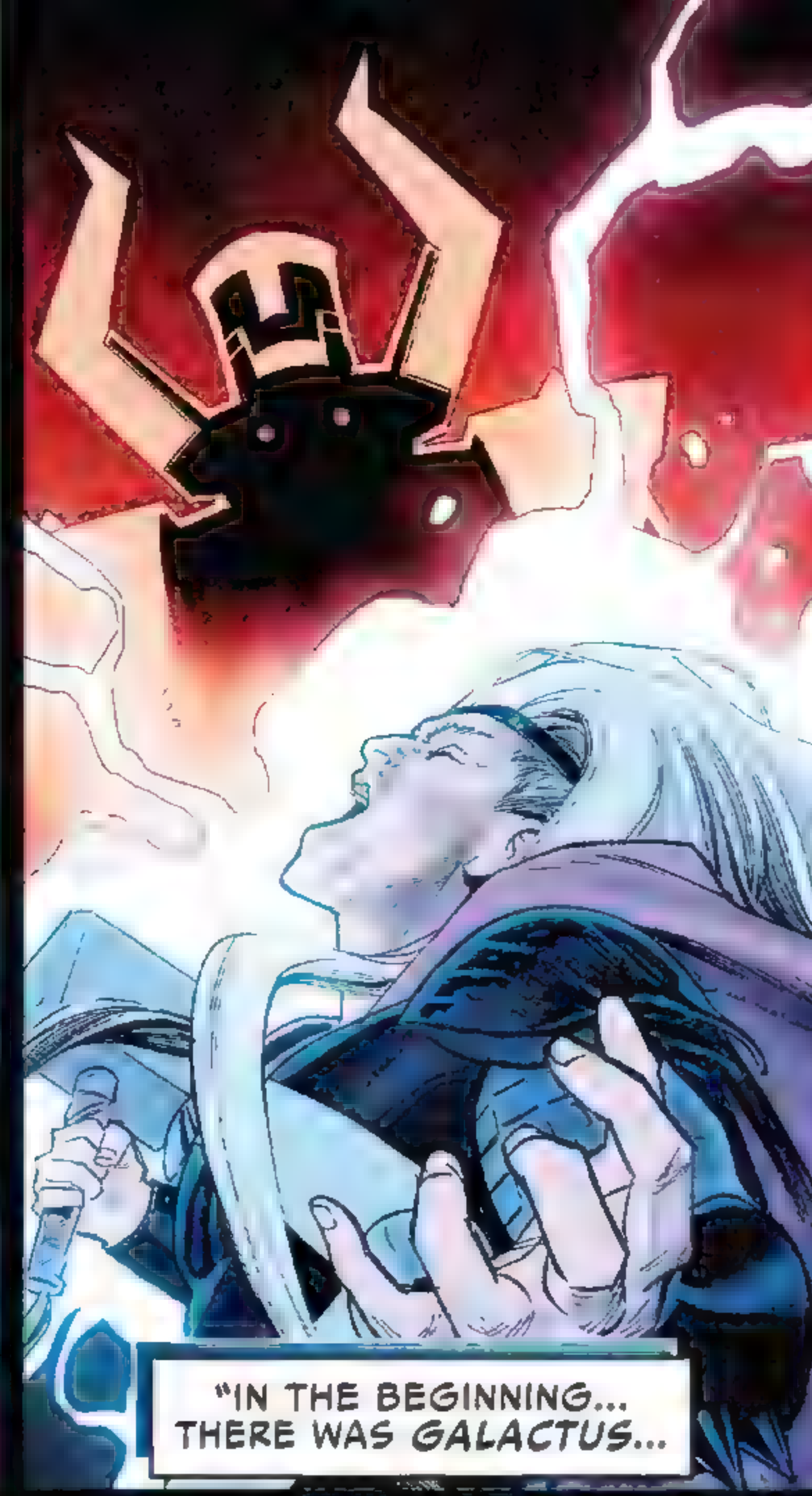
ALLOW ME
TO BRING YOU
UP TO SPEED, AS
IT WERE...





"AFTER THE WAR OF THE REALMS, ODIN GAVE THE CROWN AND THRONE OF ASGARD TO HIS SON THOR.

"IN HIS BRIEF TIME AS KING, THOR HAS BEEN MET WITH CHALLENGES THAT WOULD HAVE BENT LESSER BEINGS TO THEIR KNEES.



"IN THE BEGINNING... THERE WAS GALACTUS...



"...AND THE DIRE REVELATIONS THAT LAY WITHIN THE ENTITY THAT CALLED ITSELF THE BLACK WINTER...



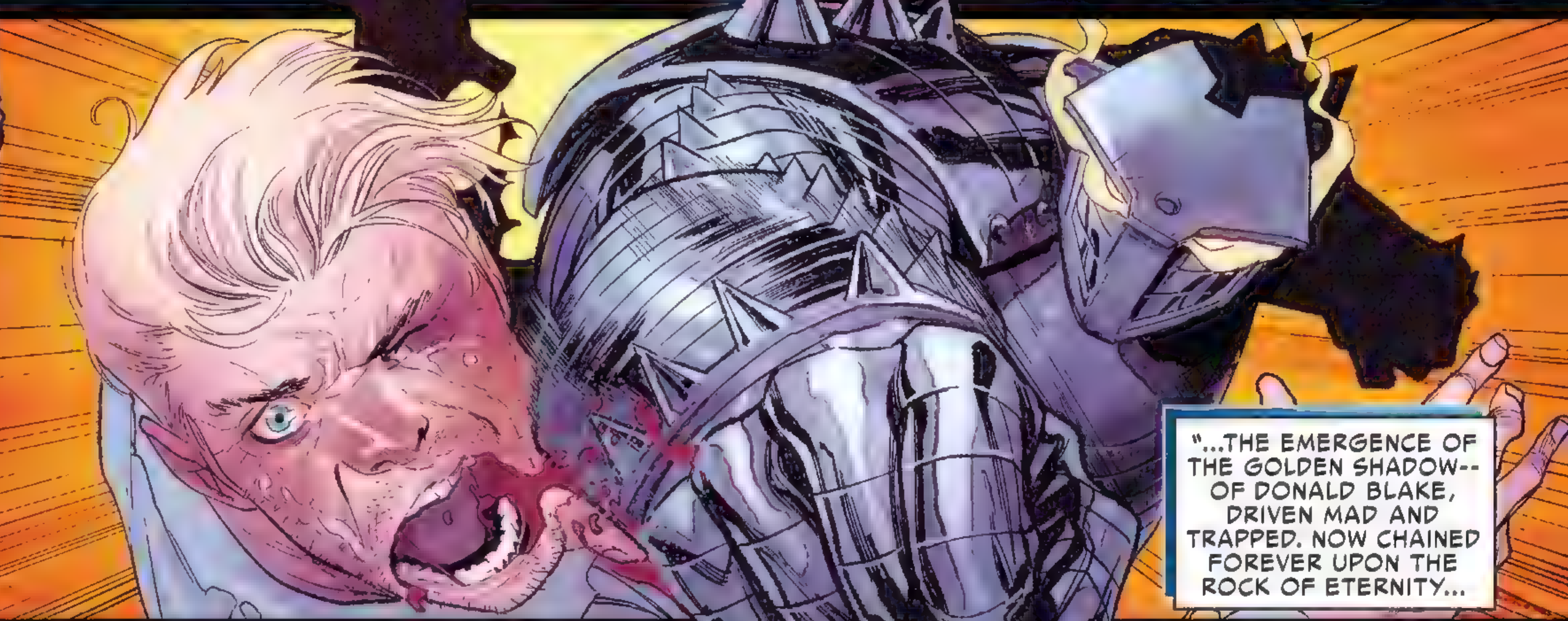
"IN THE END, THOR DESTROYED GALACTUS IN A GRAND ACT OF DEFIANCE.

"HE ALSO KILLED THE BLACK WINTER. OR... SO HE THOUGHT...

"(THAT FATE IS NOT FOR ME TO SPEAK OF AND IS A TALE FOR ANOTHER TIME...)



"AND THEN THERE WERE THE VISIONS OF THE MAD TITAN...OF THE ENTROPY OF EXISTENCE...



"...THE EMERGENCE OF THE GOLDEN SHADOW-- OF DONALD BLAKE, DRIVEN MAD AND TRAPPED. NOW CHAINED FOREVER UPON THE ROCK OF ETERNITY...



"...AND THEN...THE CRUELEST OF ALL OF THE THUNDER KING'S TRIALS...

"...THE POSSESSION OF MJOLNIR BY THE BILLION RAGING SOULS OF THE MANGOG...



"A BATTLE WON...BUT AT A GREAT PRICE. MJOLNIR SHATTERED.

"AND ODIN...THOR'S FATHER AND THE FORMER RULER OF THE LAND OF ASGARD...

"...LAY DEAD IN THOR'S VERY ARMS.



"BUT...NOT GONE.

"ODIN'S SOUL BECAME TRAPPED IN MJOLNIR ITSELF.

"SPEAKING IN A VOICE THAT ONLY THOR CAN HEAR.



"AND SO IT WAS...THAT A GRIEVING, VENGEFUL KING WAS TOLD BY HIS RAVENS THAT THE HULK HAD BEEN FOUND IN A LAND FAR FROM THOSE THAT HE HAD KNOWN.



"A TIMELY GIFT FOR A GOD IN DESPERATE NEED OF SOMETHING TO HIT.



"AND THEN THERE IS BRUCE BANNER."



"AND THE HULK."



"AND THE ENGINE ROOM."

"RECENTLY, BRUCE BANNER-- WITH THE HELP OF SOME UNSEEN MAGICAL HAND-- HAS BUILT A MIND PALACE INSIDE OF THE HULK'S BODY."



"HE HAS ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE PHYSICAL FORM OF THE HULK AND NOW 'PILOTS' THIS...HULK SHIP FROM THE DECK OF HIS COMMAND CENTER."



"THE SHIP ITSELF IS POWERED BY THE HULK'S OWN PERSONA..."

"...TRAPPED IN THE 'ENGINE ROOM' AND TORTURED BY A SERIES OF NEVER-ENDING AND ALWAYS-GROWING ADVERSARIES."

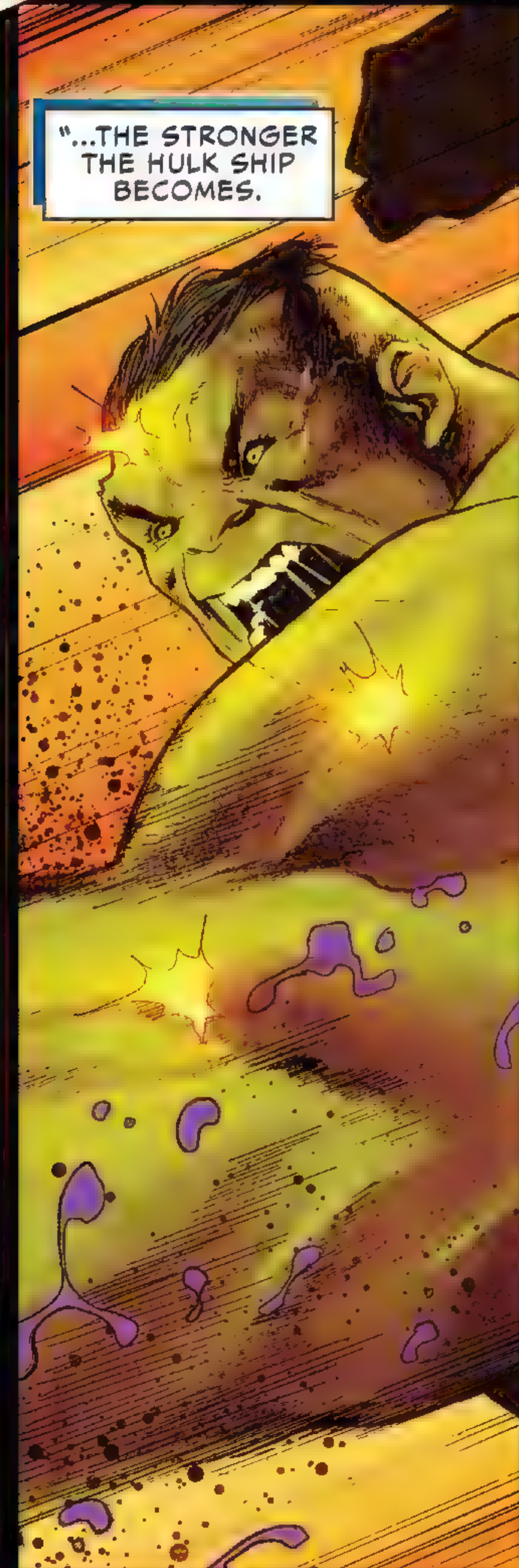


"IN SHORT..."

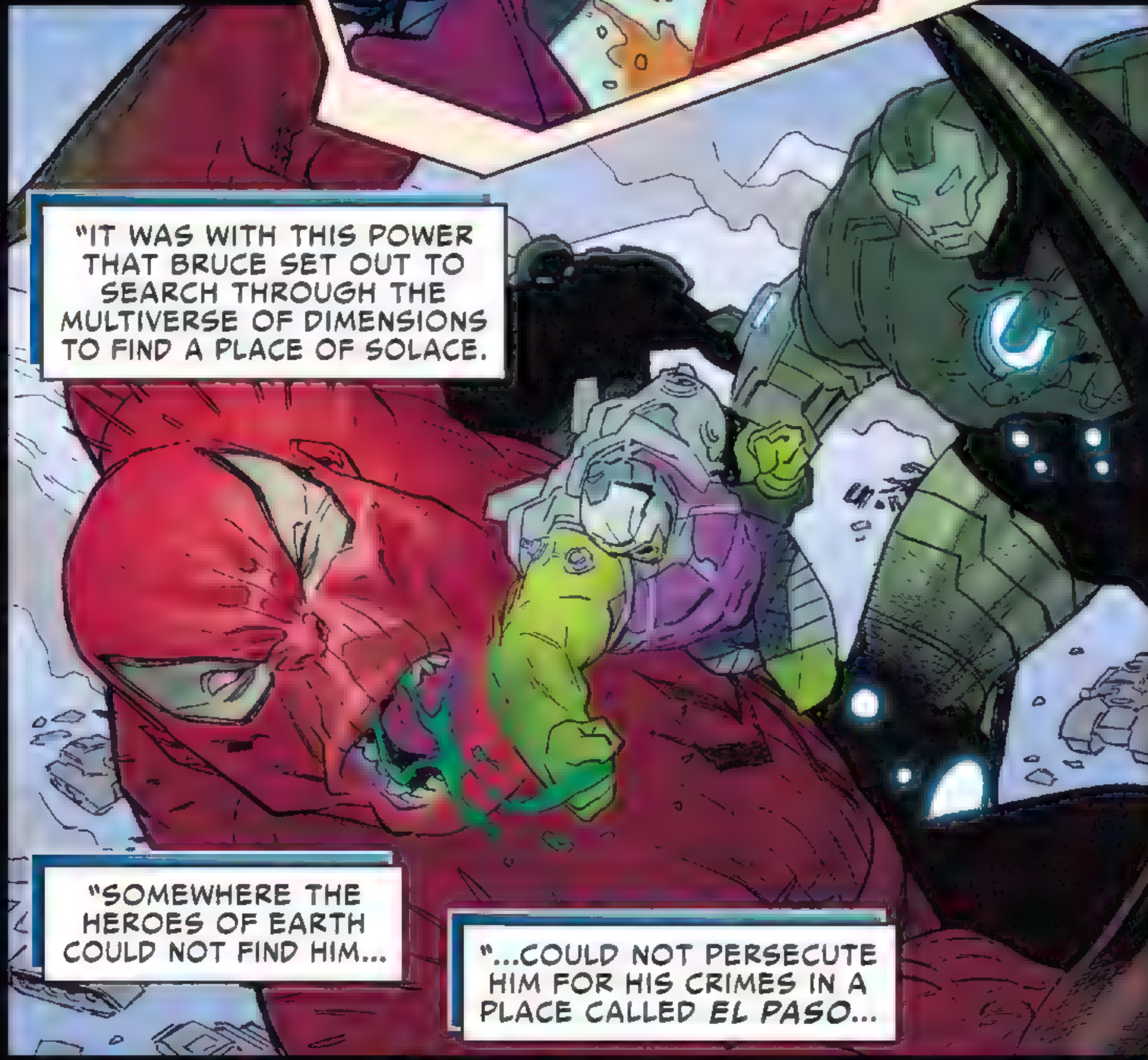
"...THE HOTTER THE ENGINE ROOM BURNS..."



"...THE STRONGER THE HULK SHIP BECOMES."



"IT WAS WITH THIS POWER THAT BRUCE SET OUT TO SEARCH THROUGH THE MULTIVERSE OF DIMENSIONS TO FIND A PLACE OF SOLACE."



"SOMEWHERE THE HEROES OF EARTH COULD NOT FIND HIM..."

"...COULD NOT PERSECUTE HIM FOR HIS CRIMES IN A PLACE CALLED EL PASO..."



"WHATEVER THE TRUTH ABOUT THESE CRIMES IS..."

"...EVEN I DO NOT KNOW..."



"BUT PERHAPS WE SHALL SOON FIND OUT..."

"...BECAUSE...IN THIS VERY MOMENT..."

"...AGAINST A BATTLEGROUND OF STRANGE AND UNSEEN WORLDS..."



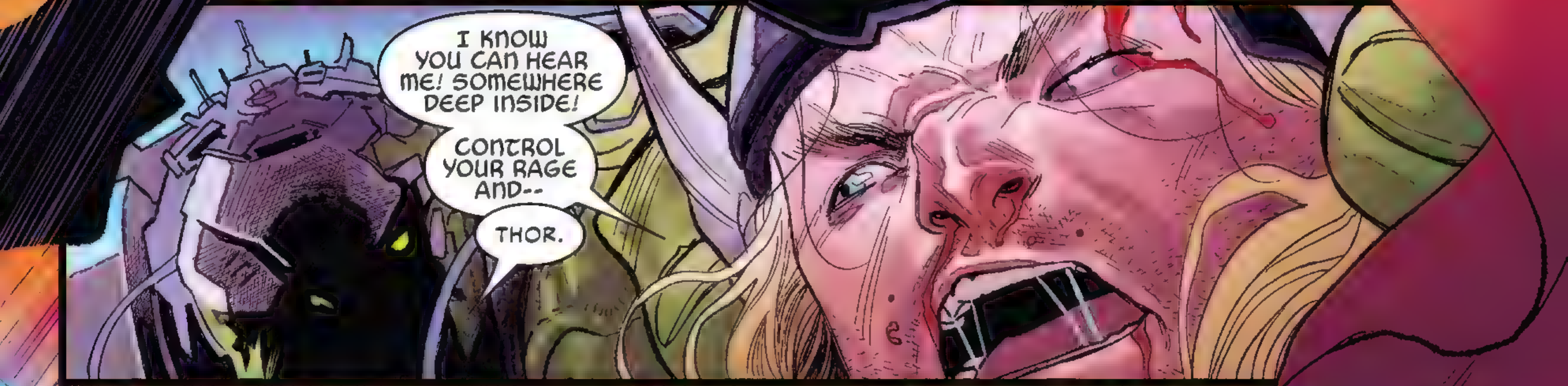
"...ROARING ACROSS THE IN-BETWEEN SPACES OF REALITY..."

"...IT IS HERE..."



"...THAT OUR STORIES COLLIDE."

STOP THIS, BANNER!



I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME! SOMEWHERE DEEP INSIDE!

CONTROL YOUR RAGE AND--

THOR.



SHUT UP.

WHUMP

"SAKK-REEN."

"A WRETCHED PLANET FILLED WITH DISEASE-PLAGUED, WAR MONGERING CANNIBALS THAT DEVOUR THE EYES OF THEIR YOUNG TO APPEASE THEIR ALL-KNOWING PAIN GOD."

"IT SMELLS OF COTTON CANDY. AND PUPPY PAWS. AND THE PAIN GOD IS ALWAYS HAPPY."



I CAN HEAR YOU JUST FINE.



GET UP, BOY! IF THE APE WANTS A BATTLE, THEN LET'S--

WILL YOU LET ME HANDLE THIS, FATHER?

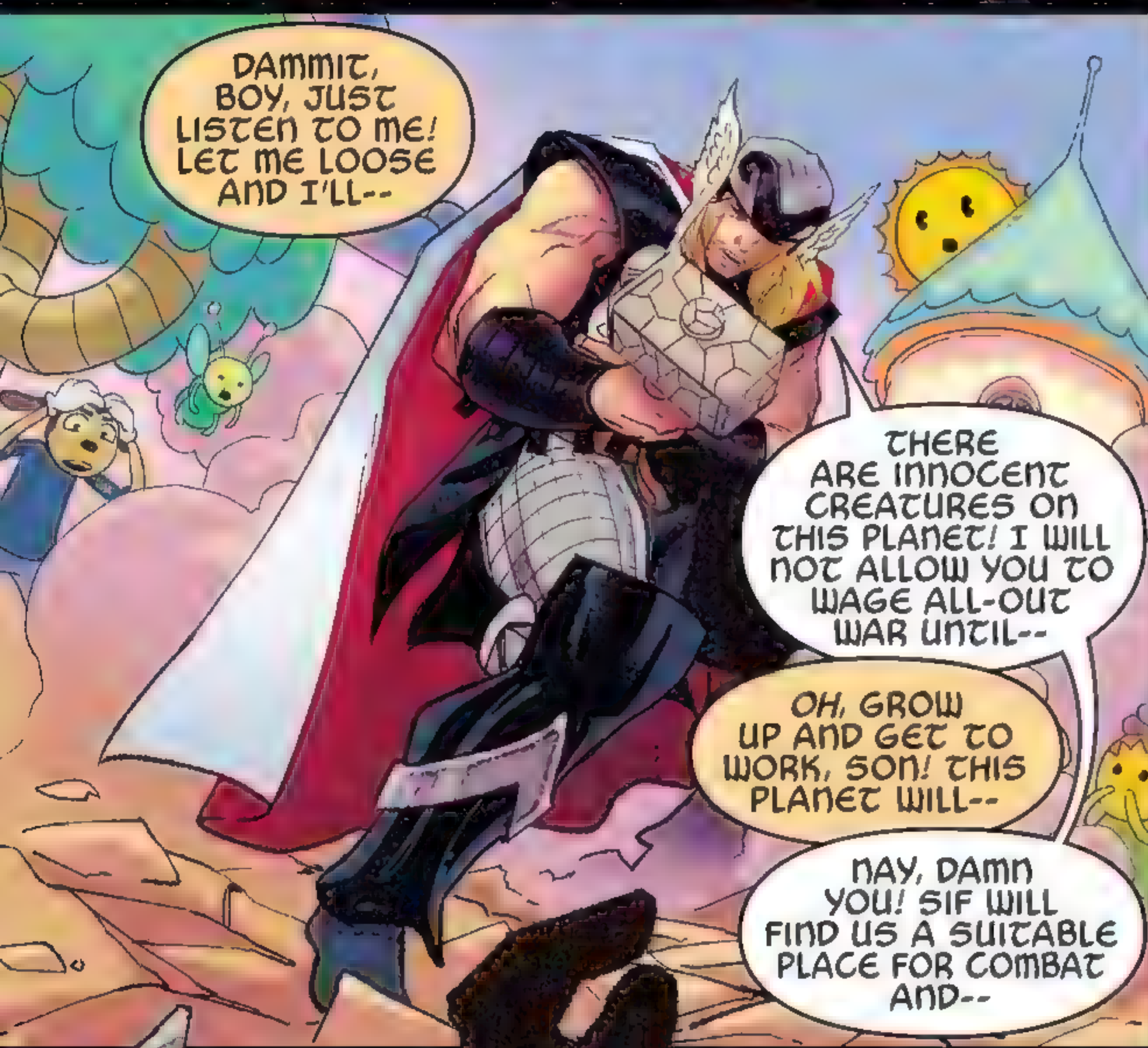
HE'S CLOSING IN!



I NEED A FULL SYSTEM AND ENGINE CHECK.

COMPUTER, RUN A DIAGNOSTIC ON HULL INTEGRITY BEFORE WE--

THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE LIKE THE OTHER FIGHTS, BRUCE.



DAMMIT, BOY, JUST LISTEN TO ME! LET ME LOOSE AND I'LL--

THERE ARE INNOCENT CREATURES ON THIS PLANET! I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO WAGE ALL-OUT WAR UNTIL--

OH, GROW UP AND GET TO WORK, SON! THIS PLANET WILL--

NAY, DAMN YOU! SIF WILL FIND US A SUITABLE PLACE FOR COMBAT AND--



YOU'VE DONE THIS BEFORE. DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN BEAT HIM THIS TIME? AFTER EVERYTHING THAT--

ENOUGH, "BETTY"! JUST--



--LEAVE ME ALONE!!!

--THAT IS FINAL!





OWAAAAAH

"THE BLACK
HAND OF GOD."

"BUILT FROM THE SEVERED HAND OF
A CELESTIAL, IT IS HOME TO THE
GREATEST AND MOST GRUESOME
FIGHTING TOURNAMENTS ANY
UNIVERSE HAS EVER KNOWN.

"WHERE GALACTIC FORTUNES
ARE WON AND LOST BY THE
TEARING OF FLESH, THE SPEED
OF THE BLADE, OR THE METTLE
OF A WARRIOR'S HEART.

BOOM

BOOM

"HERE, CHAMPIONS ARE FORGED
FOREVER IN BLOOD AND BONE.
THEIR NAMES CARVED INTO THE
HALLS OF ETERNITY.

"IT IS KNOWN BY ALL WHO QUEST ACROSS
THE STARS AS THE MOST VIOLENT,
VICIOUS AND GORE-SOAKED CORNER OF
HELL TO EVER EXIST IN THE MULTIVERSE."

SIF...
WHERE HAVE
YOU...?

UM...WELL, IT WOULD SEEM
WE HAVE SOME NEW
CHALLENGERS, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN!!!

THE
POPCORN IS...
ALSO QUITE
NICE.

PLACE
YOUR BETS
NOW! AS WE
PRESENT...

THE GREEN SCAR!!!

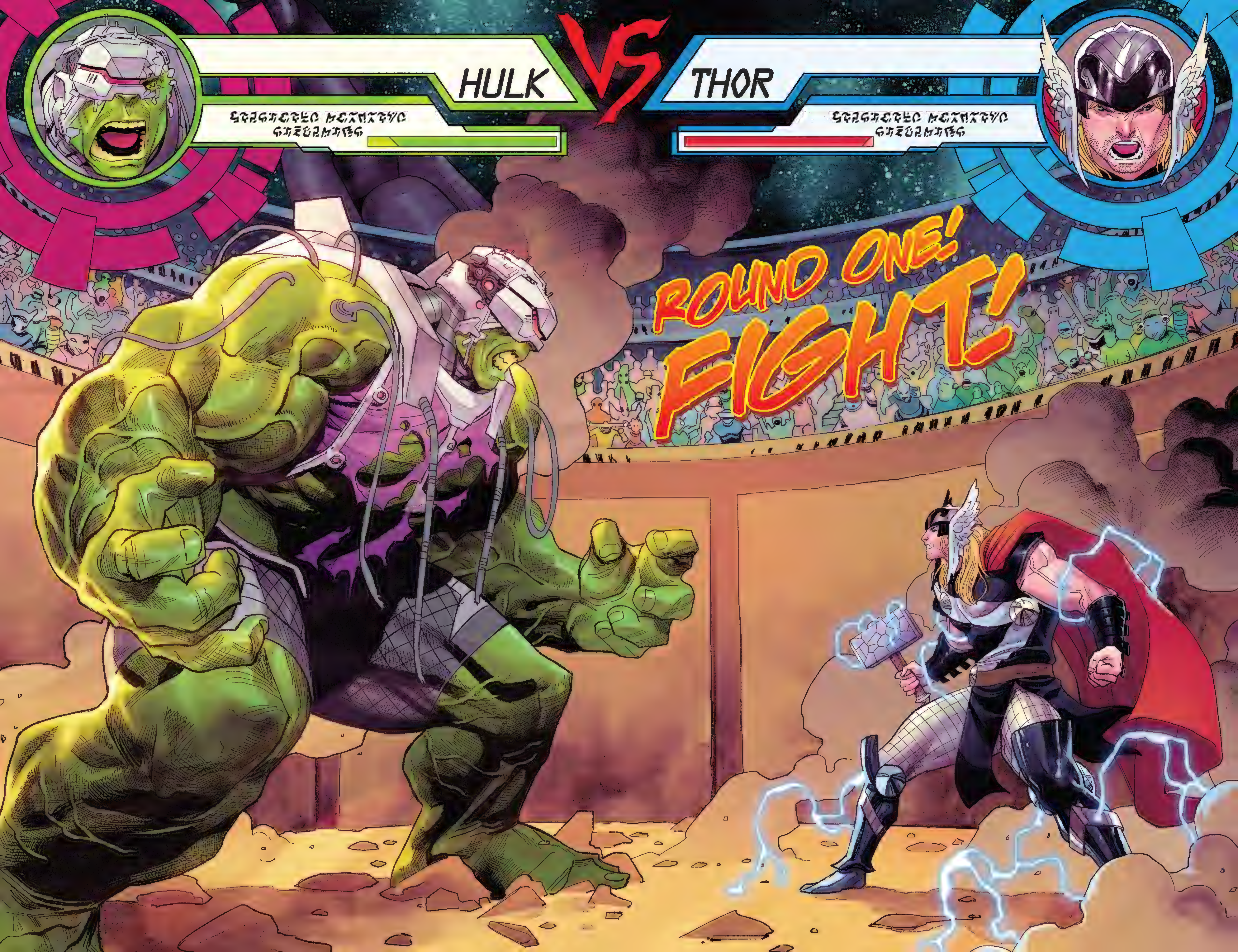
THE INDESTRUCTIBLE,
IMMORTAL

HULK!

THE GOLDEN AVENGER!
THE THUNDER KING!

THE MIGHTY THOR!!!









RRR...
GET...YOUR
HAMMER...

SEVENTEEN
PEOPLE DEAD
IN EL PASO.



SEVENTEEN
DEAD BECAUSE
OF YOU.

I AM SORRY,
BRUCE. BUT I
BELIEVE YOU AND
I BOTH KNOW IT
WAS ALWAYS GOING
TO END THIS
WAY.

ONE CAN
ONLY CAGE A
MONSTER FOR
SO LONG.

AND SO THIS
FALLS TO ME, OLD
FRIEND. I'M AFRAID
THIS IS GOODBYE. IF
IT EASES YOU...I WILL
NOT REVEL IN THIS
VICTORY. I WILL
ALWAYS KNOW
YOU AS--

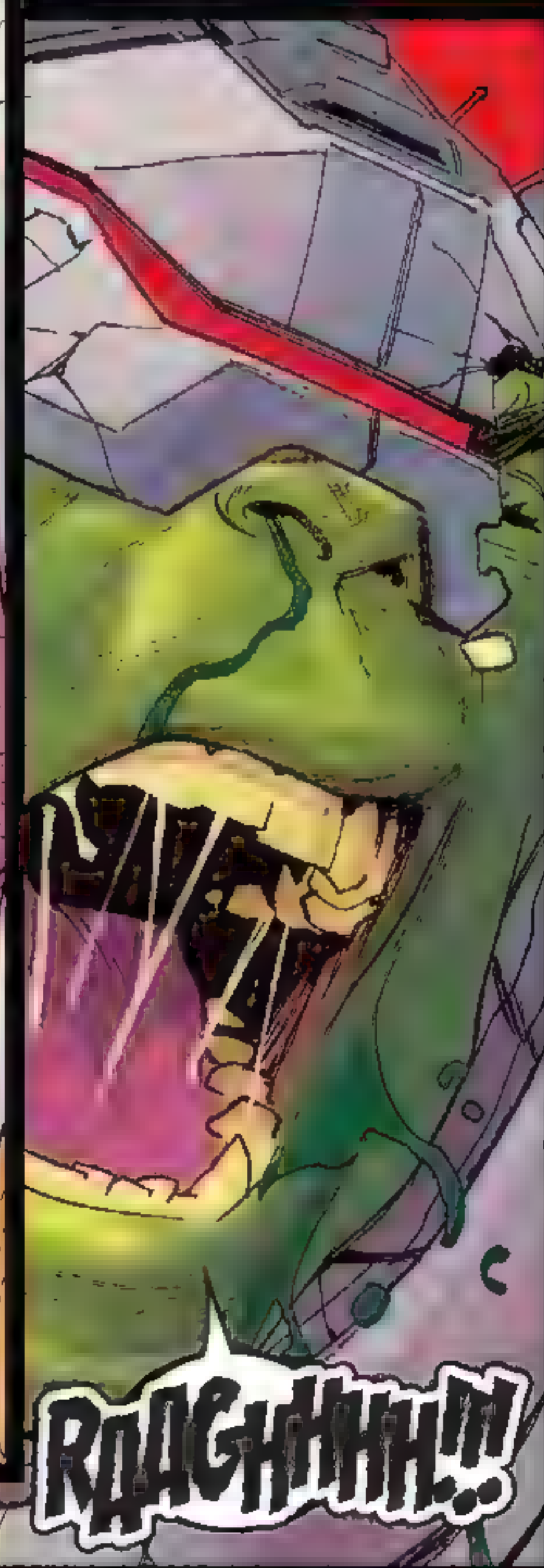


RAAAGHHH!!!
THAT WASN'T
ME!!!

THOR!
PLEASE! LET
ME UP AND
I CAN--



PLEASE.
STOP. MJOLNIR
WILL NOT BE MOVED.
AND NEITHER
SHALL I.



RAAGHHH!!



COMPUTER,
INCREASE ENGINE
ROOM TO LEVEL
EIGHT AND
HOLD.

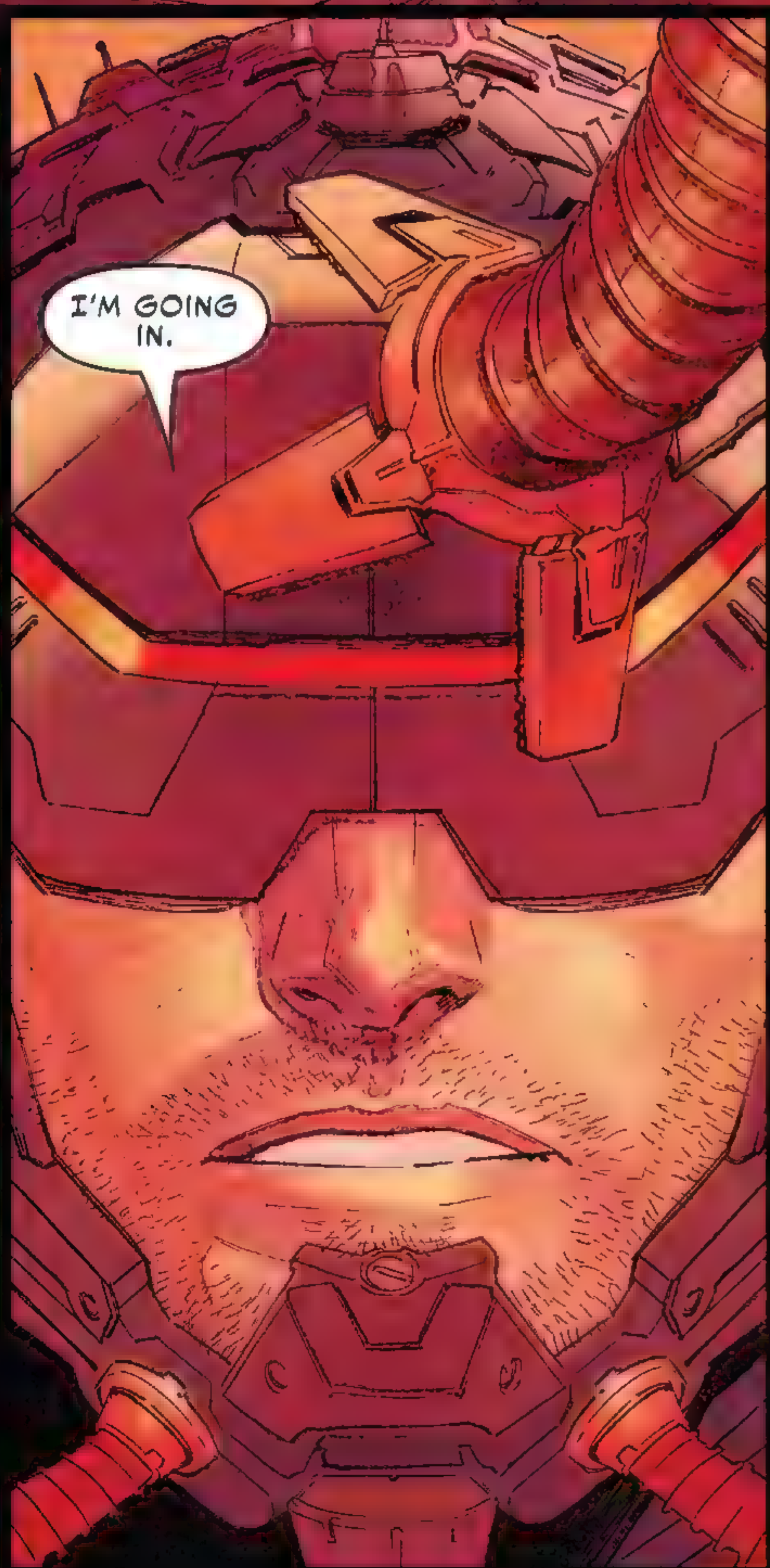


BUT SIR, WE ARE PINNED
DOWN BY THE HAMMER
OF THOR. IT CANNOT BE
MOVED. NO MATTER HOW
STRONG OR ANGRY WE--

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
THAT?

YOUR MEMORY
FILES, SIR. I HAVE
ACCESS TO EVERY
FIGHT THAT
YOU HAVE--

EXACTLY.
GIVE ME FULL
HAPTICS. SLAVE
CONTROLS TO
ME.



I'M GOING
IN.



SIR, I HIGHLY
RECOMMEND AGAINST
THIS COURSE OF
ACTION.

NOTED.
WE'VE FOUGHT
HIM AND BEAT
HIM BEFORE.



I'M NOT SCARED.



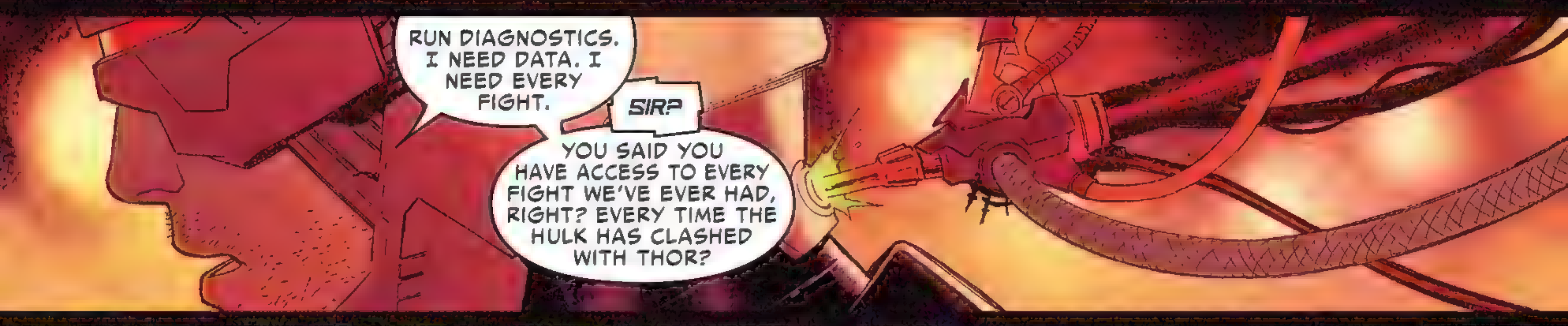
SIR, IF I MAY...
THE HULK HAS FOUGHT HIM.

NOT YOU.



EXACTLY.
WE'VE FOUGHT HARDER...

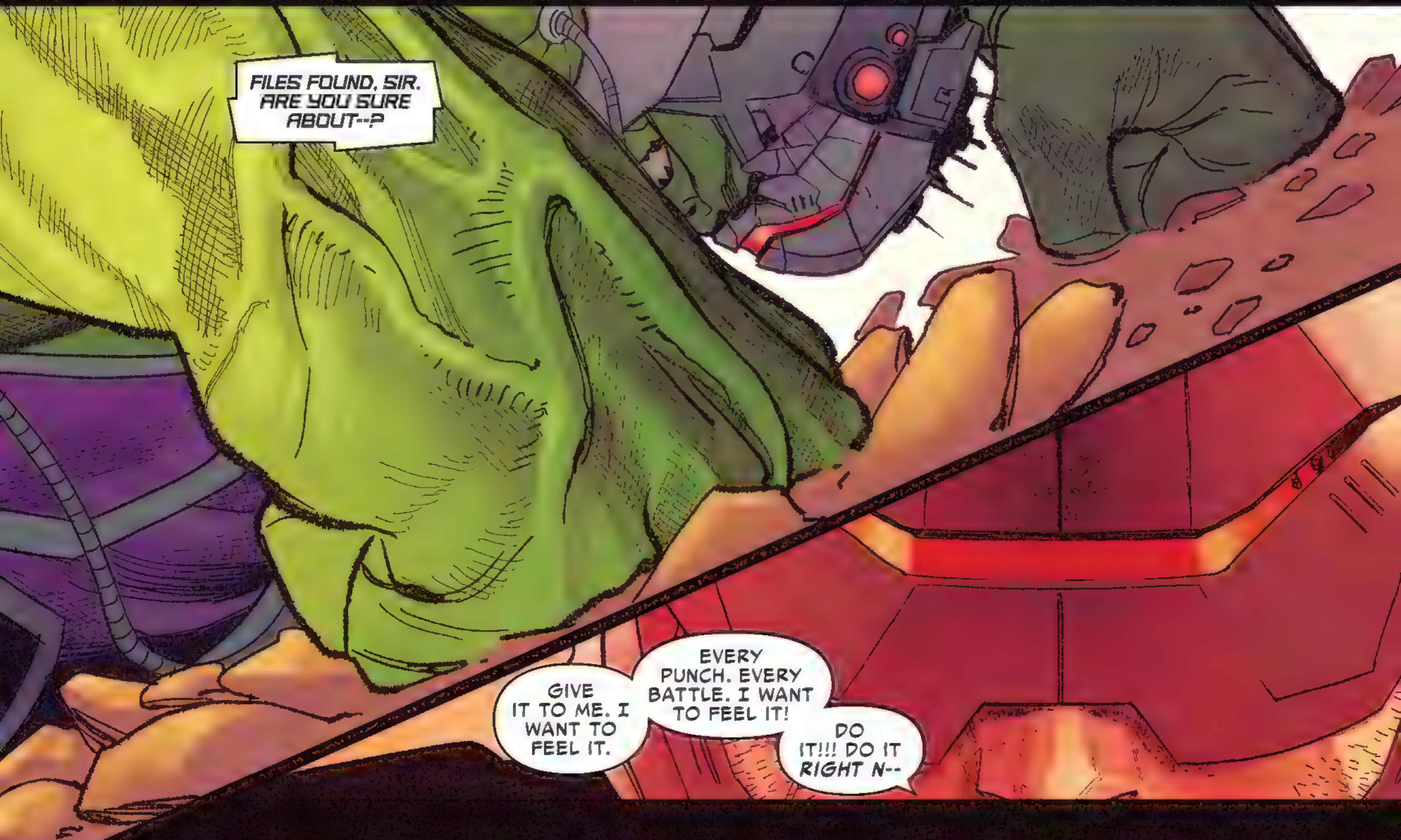
...LET'S FIGHT SMARTER.



RUN DIAGNOSTICS.
I NEED DATA. I
NEED EVERY
FIGHT.

SIR?

YOU SAID YOU
HAVE ACCESS TO EVERY
FIGHT WE'VE EVER HAD,
RIGHT? EVERY TIME THE
HULK HAS CLASHED
WITH THOR?



FILES FOUND, SIR.
ARE YOU SURE
ABOUT--?

GIVE
IT TO ME. I
WANT TO
FEEL IT.

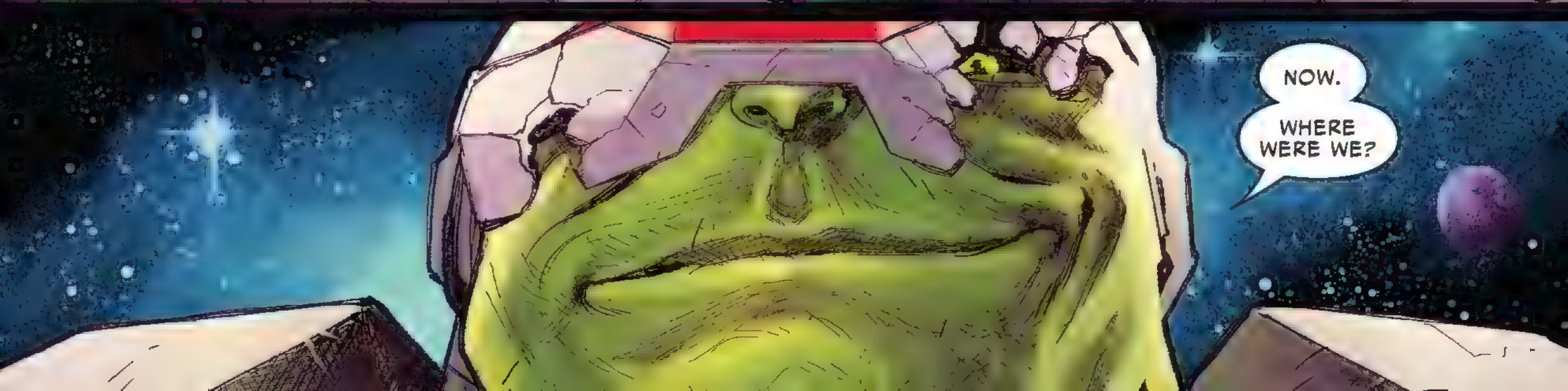
EVERY
PUNCH. EVERY
BATTLE. I WANT
TO FEEL IT!

DO
IT!!! DO IT
RIGHT N--

RAKCHH!!!









OH
YEAH...
HULK!

SMASH!!!

AGHH!

TOO LATE!!!

**GET UP,
BOY! WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!**

**I'm--
TRYING, DAMN
YOU!**

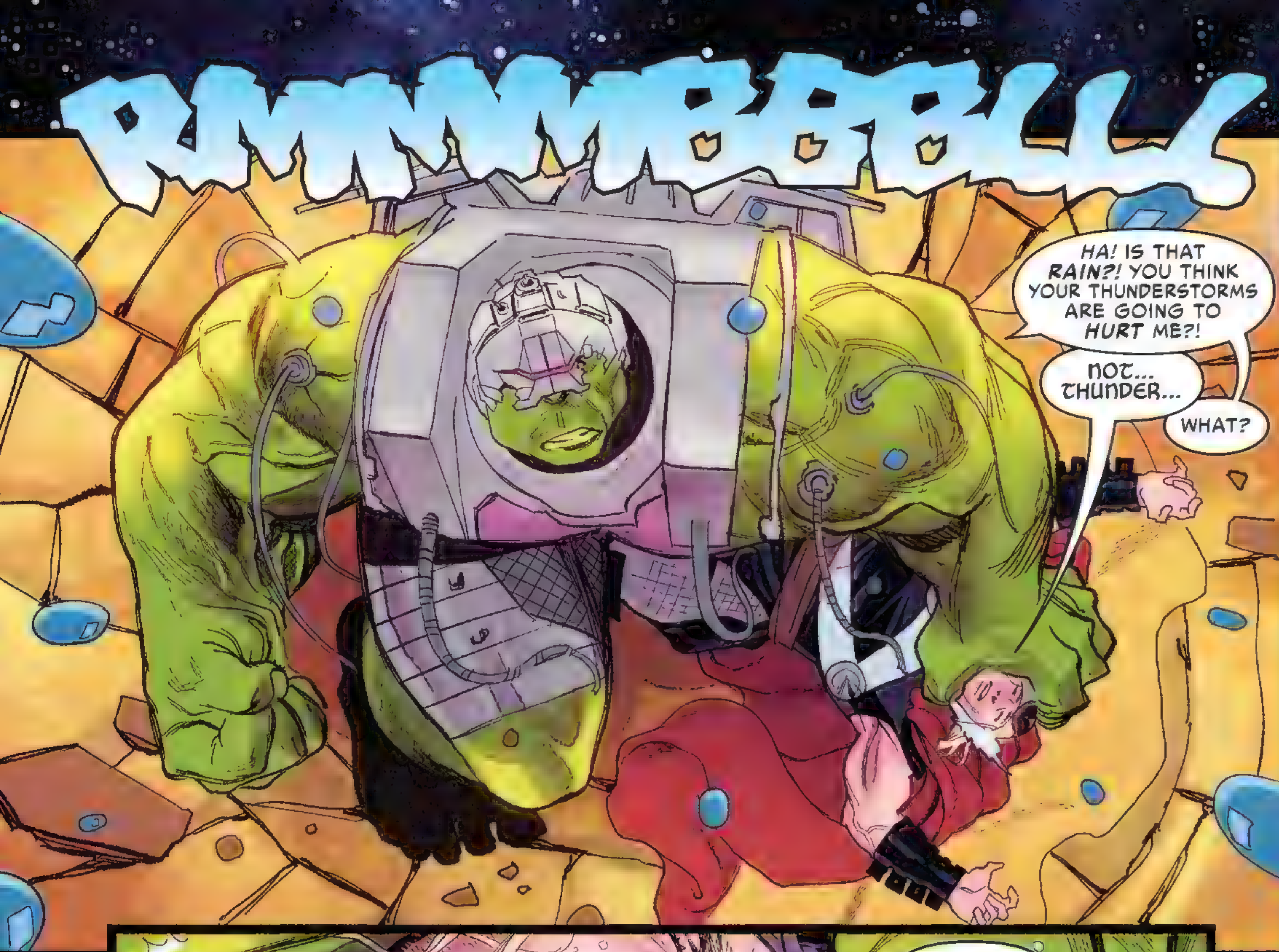
**FINE.
MUST I DO
EVERYTHING?!**

**TRYING
WHAT?
TRYING
TO BREATHE?
TO MOVE?**

**SORRY,
THOR, I TRIED
TO REASON
WITH YOU.
I DID.**

**BUT YOU
ARE NOT GOING
TO TAKE ME IN. I'M
SORRY, I AM, BUT
THIS IS WHERE
THIS--**

...ENDS?



HA! IS THAT
RAIN?! YOU THINK
YOUR THUNDERSTORMS
ARE GOING TO
HURT ME?!

NOT...
THUNDER...

WHAT?



THAT WAS
Mjolnir...

...BREAKING
THE SOUND
BARRIER.

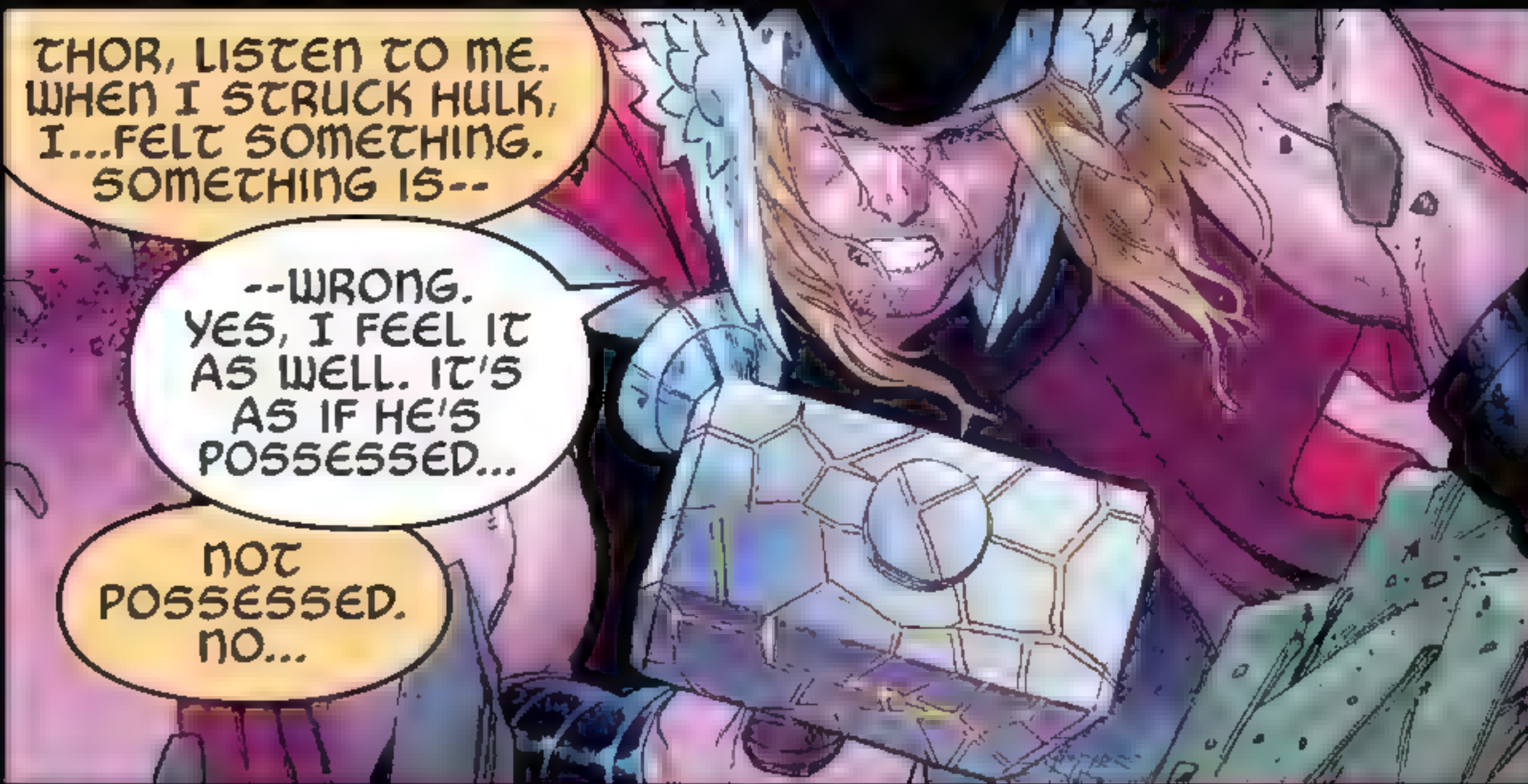


...

WHAT?







THOR, LISTEN TO ME.
WHEN I STRUCK HULK,
I...FELT SOMETHING.
SOMETHING IS--

--WRONG.
YES, I FEEL IT
AS WELL. IT'S
AS IF HE'S
POSSESSED...

NOT
POSSESSED.
NO...

"...HAUNTED."

UGGHH...



LET ME
LOOSE, SON.
I HAVE AN
IDEA...

AYE.



BANNER! IF
YOU WILL NOT
RELENT--IF YOU
WILL NOT LISTEN
TO REASON...

...THEN
PERHAPS YOU
WILL LISTEN
TO THIS!

EVASIVE
MANEUVERS! NOW!
NOW! N--



BRUCE
BANNER...

NO...





...I WOULD
HAVE WORDS
WITH THEE.



**HULK VS. THOR: BANNER OF WAR ALPHA VARIANT BY
RYAN STEGMAN, JP MAYER & ROMULO FAJARDO JR.**



THOR #25





THIS IS...

WHAT IS THIS?

IT'S AN ARENA. LOCALS CALL IT THE BLACK HAND OF GOD. A SEVERED HAND OF A CELESTIAL RETROFITTED FOR INTERGALACTIC BLOOD SPORT AND BURIED IN THE DEEPEST REACHES OF UNCHARTED SPACE.

THAT... THAT IS--

YEAH...



...IT'S AWESOME.



I WAS GOING TO SAY TERRIFYING.

BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SURE HE'S THERE? HOW DID YOU FIND THIS PLACE?

I HAVE A NETWORK OF DEEP SPACE SATELLITES SLAVED TO MY INTERNAL MAINFRAME. THEY CONSTANTLY SWEEP FOR ACTIVITY IN PLACES EXPLORED OR NOT.



YESTERDAY, WE PICKED UP A SOUND.

A SOUND? IN--

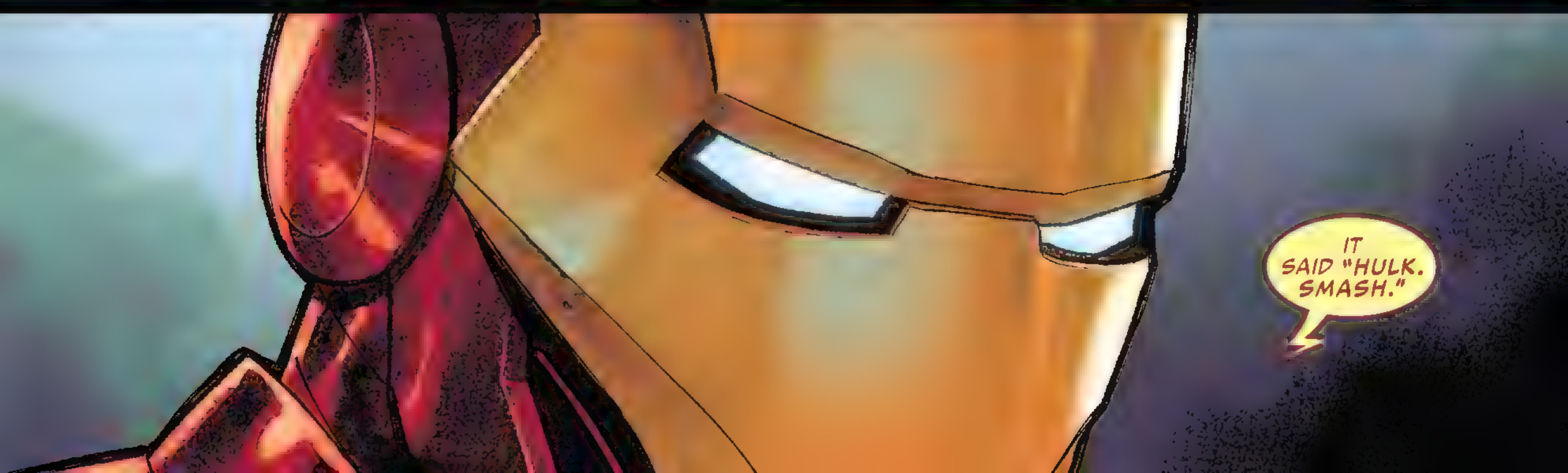
YES. A SOUND. IN SPACE. SOMETHING SO LOUD THAT ITS VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY COMPLETELY FRIED ONE OF MY SPACE BABIES.



FROM THERE, I TRIANGULATED THE SOURCE OF THE SONIC DISTURBANCE AND ISOLATED IT.

YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS?

IT WAS A VOICE, REED. A VOICE SO LOUD THAT IT BLEW A SATELLITE OUT OF THE SKY FROM TWO THOUSAND MILES AWAY.



IT SAID "HULK. SMASH."



WELL...THAT IS...
IMPRESSIVE, TONY. NO
DISRESPECT INTENDED, BUT
I HAD NO IDEA YOU HAD
THOSE KINDS OF RESOURCES
OR FRANKLY, THE SCIENTIFIC
KNOW-HOW TO SWEEP THE
DEPTHS OF UNKNOWN
SPACE LIKE THAT. AND
THEN TO--



I'M KIDDING,
REED. I HAVE NO
IDEA HOW TO DO
ANY OF THAT.

THOR'S
RAVENS TOLD
ME WHERE
HULK IS.



RAVENS?
WHAT...?



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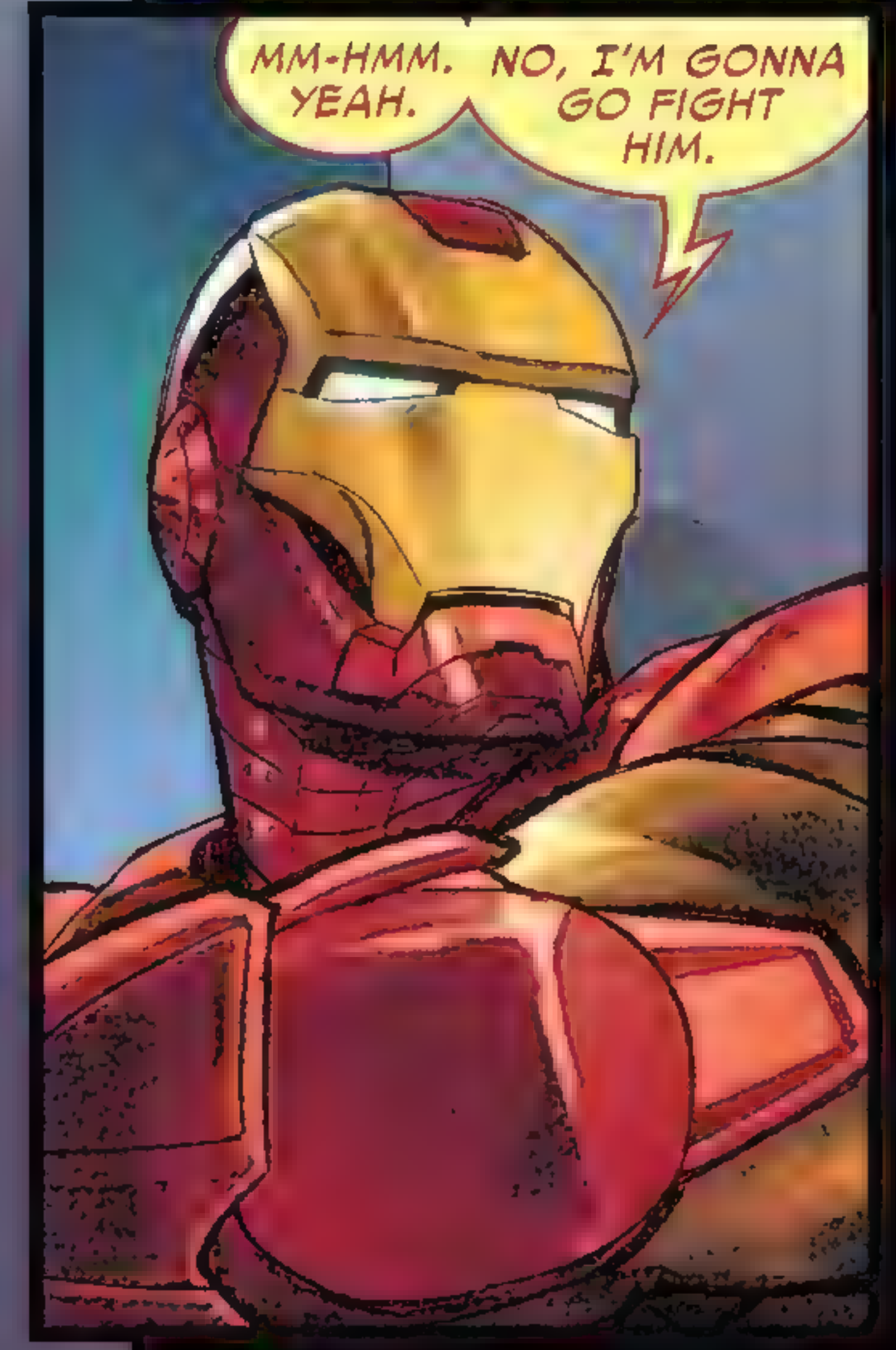
HUH?



OKAY,
LISTEN. WE
KNOW WHERE
HE IS.

IF THOR IS
ALREADY ENGAGED
WITH BANNER, I SAY
WE HANG TIGHT UNTIL
WE HAVE MORE
INTEL.

STEVE
IS RIGHT. IF THE
EVENTS OF EL PASO
HAVE TAUGHT US
ANYTHING...IT'S THAT
IT'S TIME WE STOPPED
LYING TO OURSELVES
ABOUT WHAT BRUCE
IS CAPABLE OF.



MM-HMM. NO, I'M GONNA
GO FIGHT
HIM.



ABSOLUTELY NOT.

I WASN'T ASKING FOR PERMISSION.

I AM TELLING YOU TO STAND DOWN!



YOU'RE NOT UNDERSTANDING ME, CAP.

HULK. BRUCE... WHATEVER THE HELL HE IS NOW...

I LOOKED INTO HIS EYES WHEN HE--

--INITIATE THRUSTER SEQUENCE--

--WHEN HE ATTACKED ME IN WUNDAGORE.*

*SEE HULK #1. --WIL



HE WAS GOING TO KILL ME.

HE TRIED...TO KILL ME.



AND, WELL...I GOTTA TELL YA, CAP: I DIDN'T CARE FOR IT.

SO...ONCE AGAIN--

THRUSTERS AT FULL CAPACITY AND HOLDING.

--STAND BY FOR LAUNCH COMMAND--

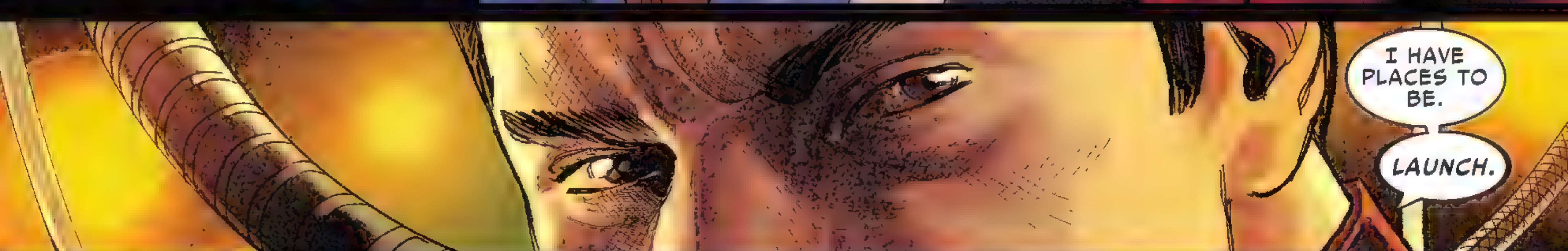


--I'M GONNA GO KICK HIS ASS.

AND I HAVE A NICE NEW TOY I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT WILL--

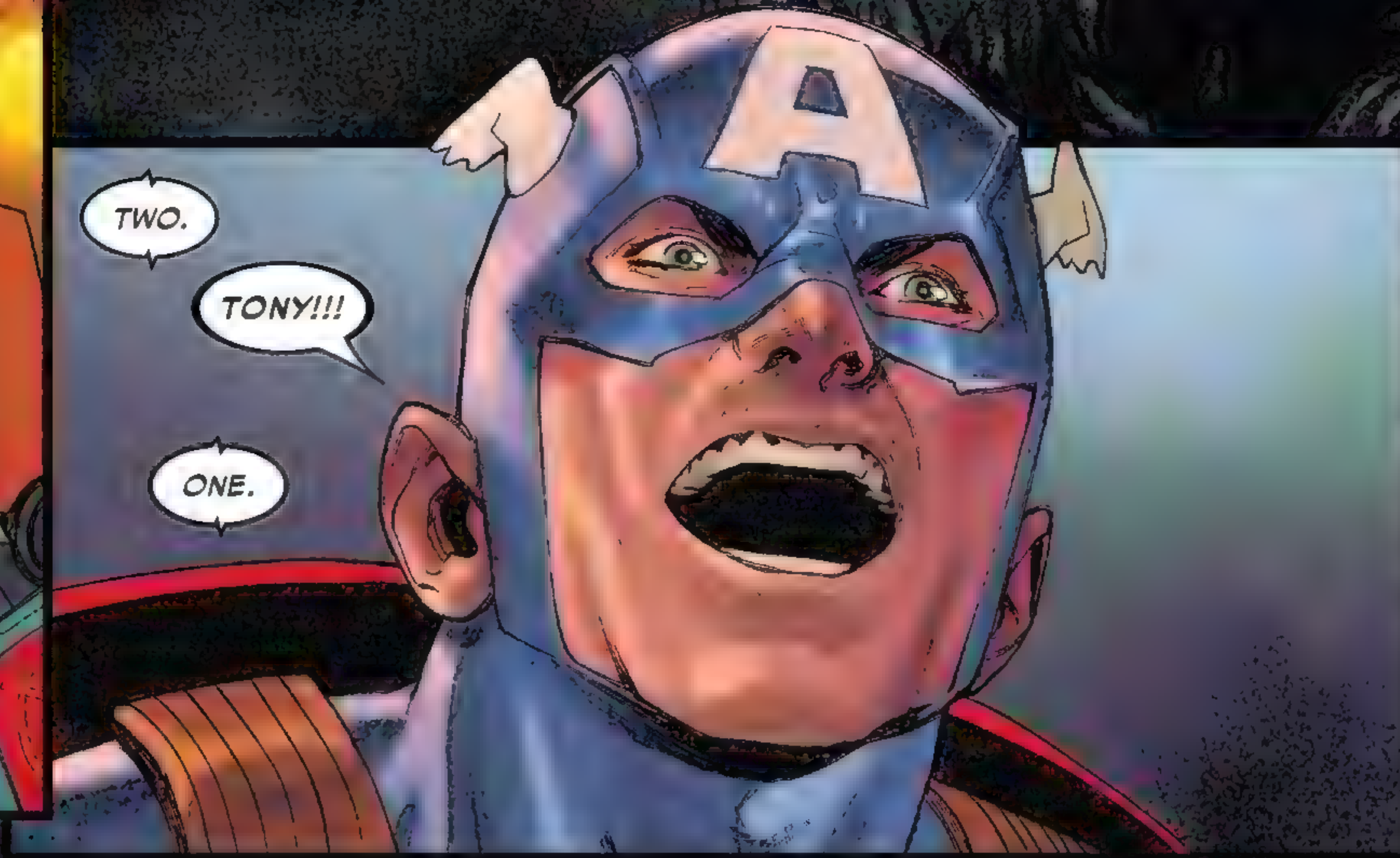
I'M NEVER AT THESE MEETINGS, CAP.

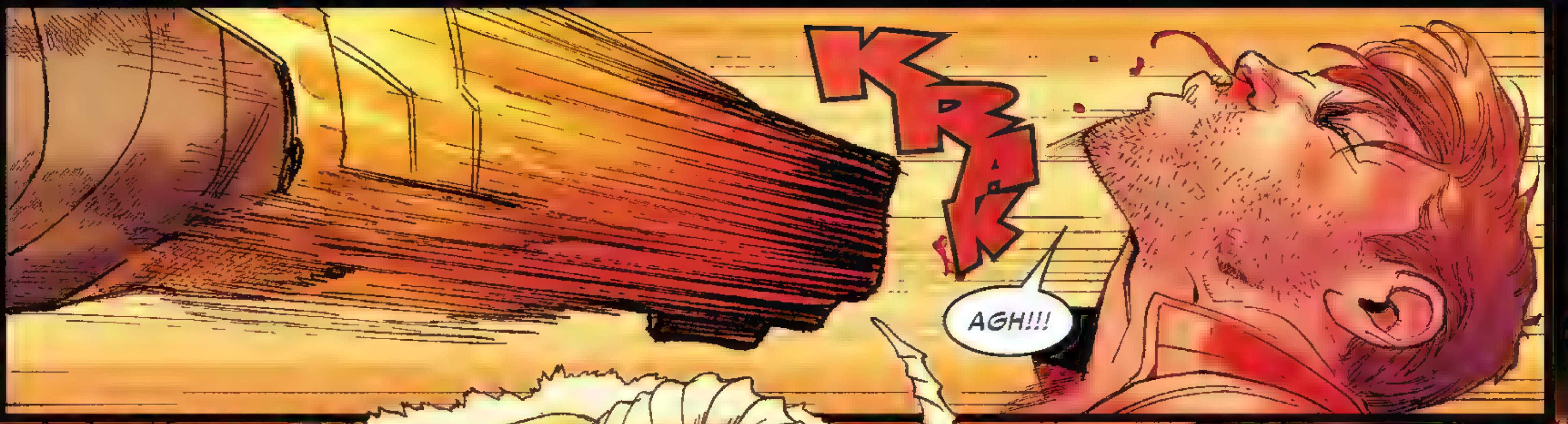
WAIT. ARE YOU HERE?



I HAVE PLACES TO BE.

LAUNCH.





STARSHIP HULK
COMMAND
DECK.

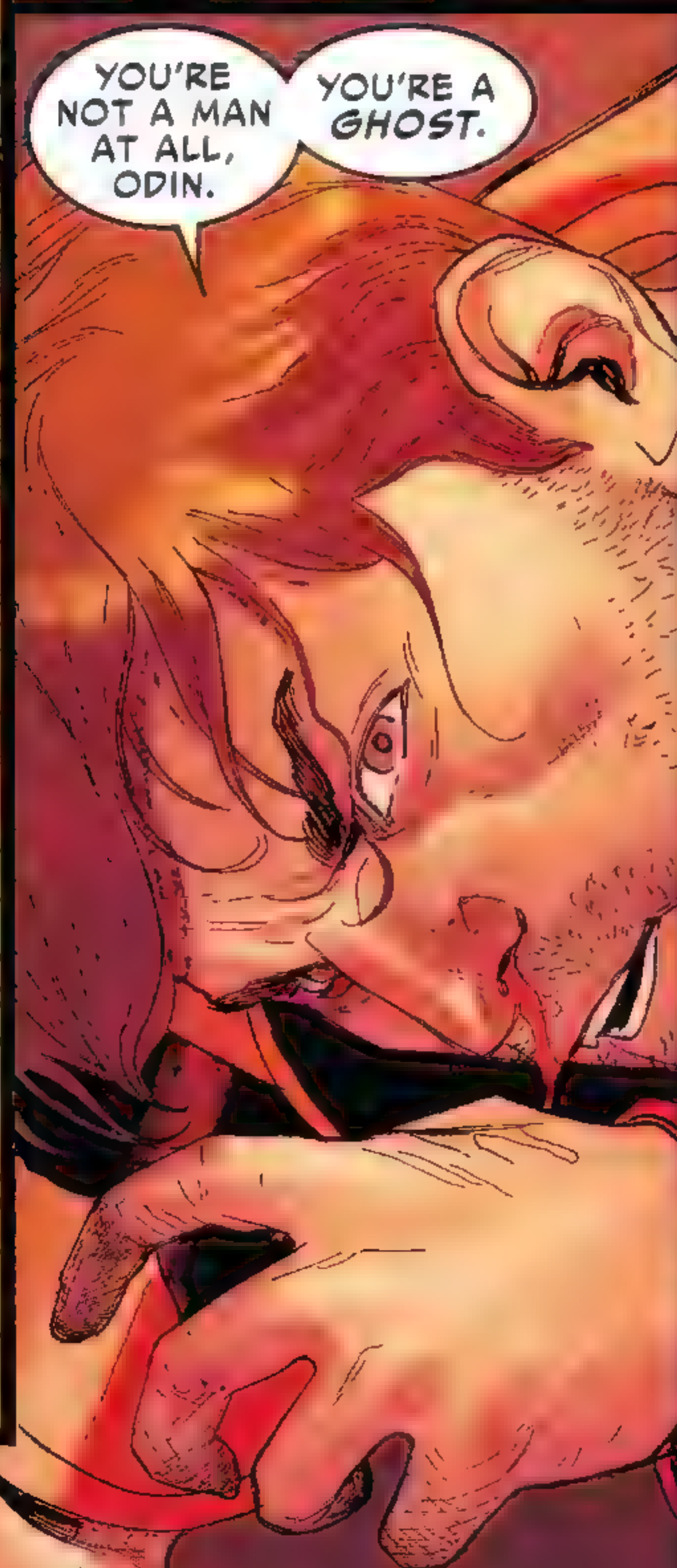
I AM NO
MAN OF SCIENCE,
BRUCE BANNER.

BUT I
AM WILLING
TO WAGER
THAT KILLING YOU
WILL BRING THIS
MONSTER DOWN
AS WELL.



I DO NOT
WISH THIS
TO COME TO
THAT.

BUT
I WILL IF I
MUST.

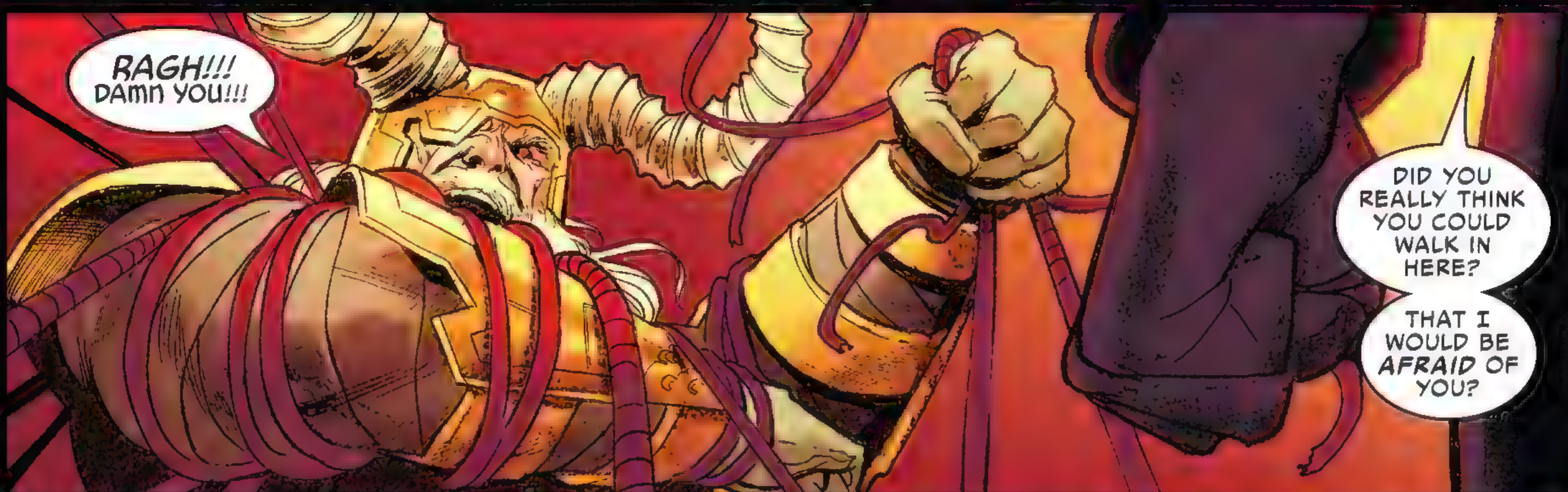


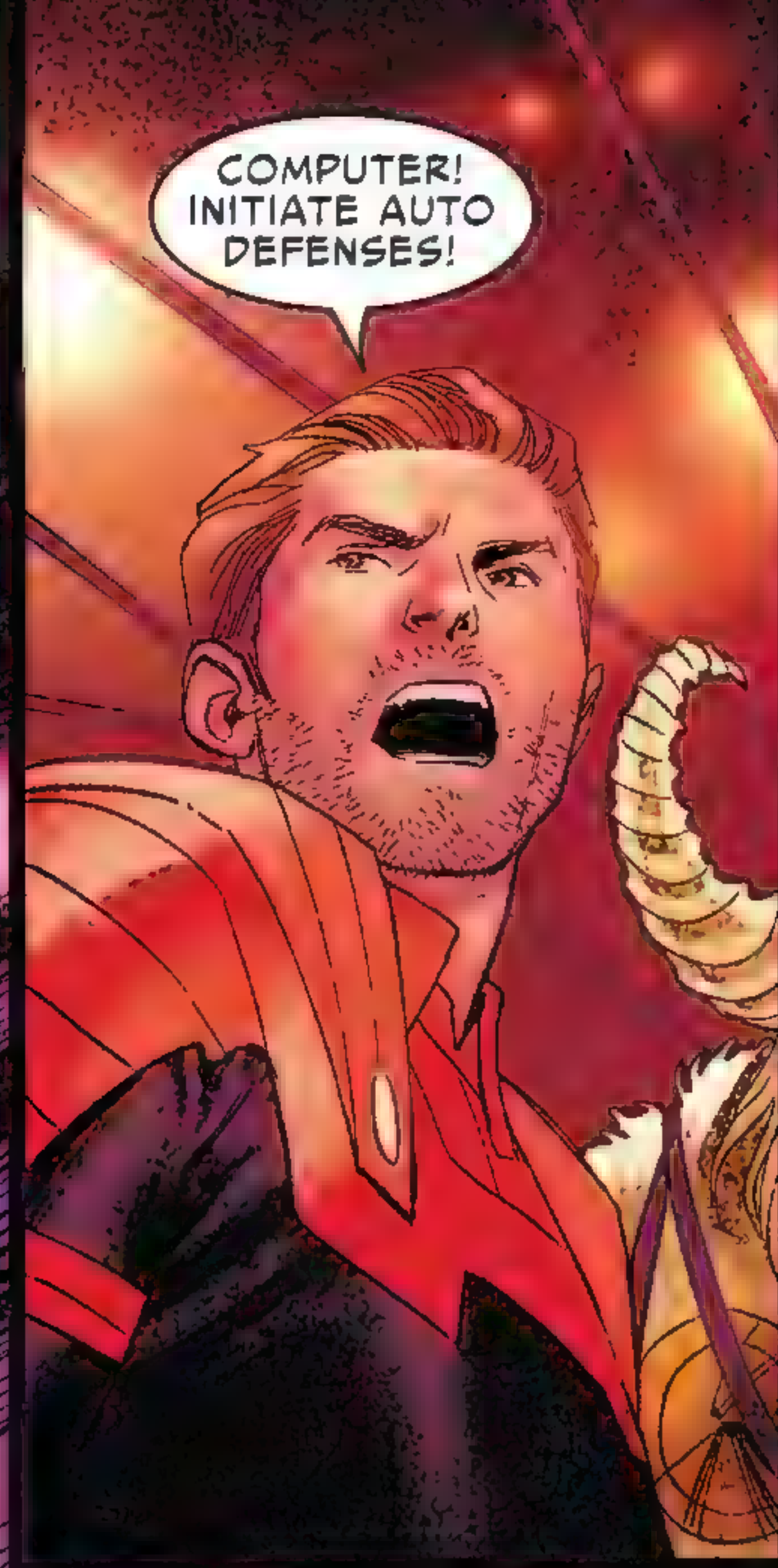
YOU'RE
NOT A MAN
AT ALL,
ODIN.

YOU'RE A
GHOST.



AND
YOU'RE IN MY
HOUSE.





COMPUTER!
INITIATE AUTO
DEFENSES!



GAH!!!



FIRE!



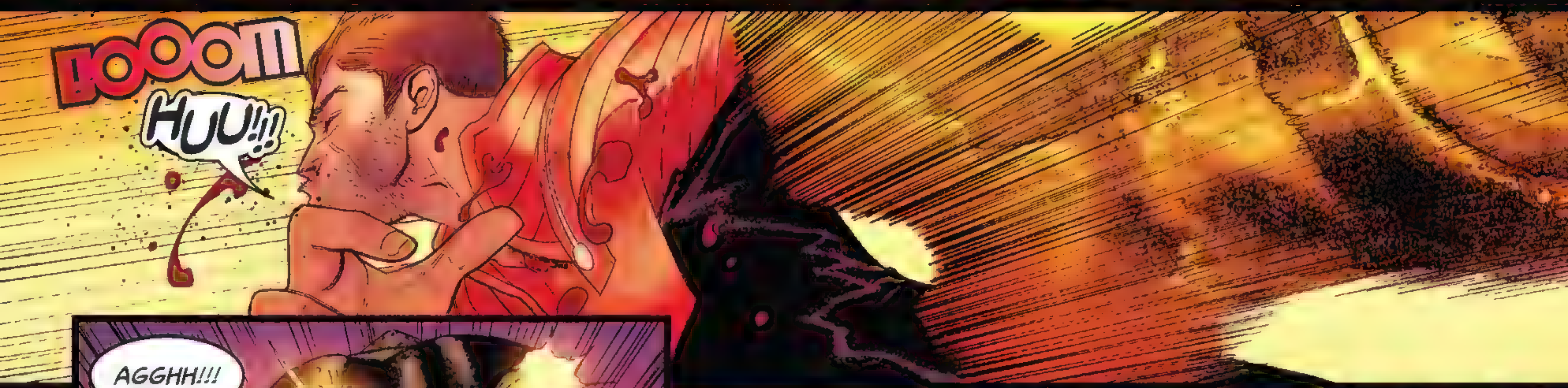
ARGGG!!!

BRKA-
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THERE.
NOW LET'S
YOU AND
I--



BOOM
HUU!!!



AGGHH!!!



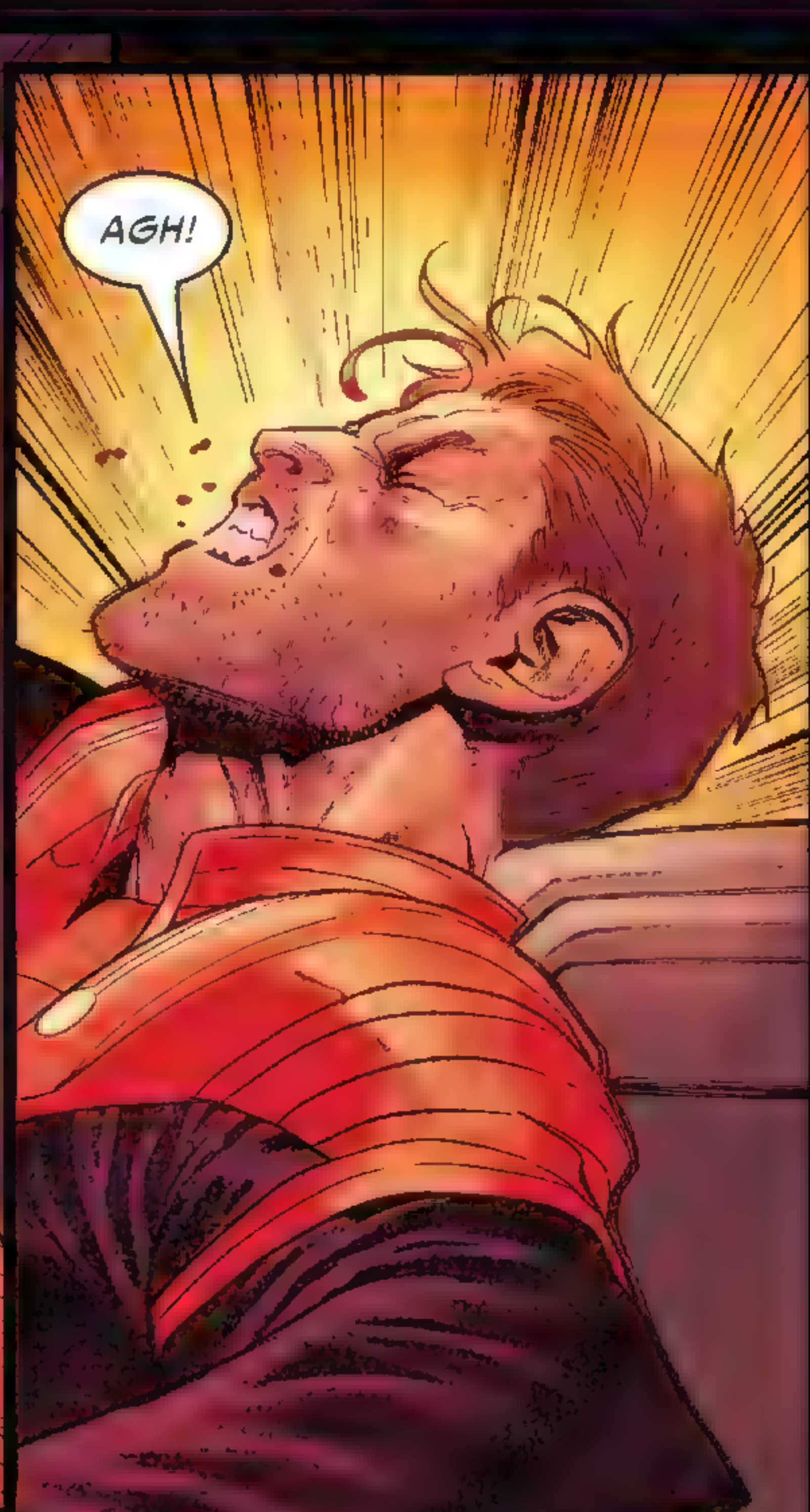
WAIT.
WAIT...NO...
JUST HAVE
TO--



HKK--



NOT BAD
FOR A GHOST,
EH, BOY?



BANNER.

BANNER,
WAKE UP!

WHAT
IN THE
HEL HAVE YOU
DONE?! WHERE
AM I?

WH-WHAT IS
HAPPENING?

YOU
TELL ME.

WE'RE IN
YOUR HEAD,
DOCTOR.

OH.

OH GOD.
NO...



WE'RE IN
EL PASO.



THIS...

...THIS
IS WHERE IT
HAPPENED.



I...I CAN'T
BE HERE. WHY IS
THIS HAPPENING?
I LOCKED THIS AWAY!
I DON'T WANT TO
SEE THIS AGAIN!
I DON'T...

YOUR DEFENSES
ARE DOWN. YOUR
MIND IS EXPOSED. AND
THIS IS WHERE IT'S
TAKEN US.

WHAT
HAPPENED HERE,
BANNER? WHY
ARE YOU SO
AFRAID?

IT WASN'T...
IT WASN'T
SUPPOSED TO
BE LIKE
THIS...



THE
HULK...

...WE FACED
DOWN THE DEVIL
AND WALKED
AWAY. WE
SURVIVED.

WE...
FORGAVE EACH
OTHER.

DECIDED
TO SEE THE
WORLD IN A
NEW WAY.

TO
SAVE THE
WORLD.

TOGETHER.



AND THEN WE CAME HERE.

THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS OF SOMETHING KILLING PEOPLE ALONG THE BORDER. PEOPLE WHO...

...WHO JUST WANTED A BETTER LIFE.

SO IT FOUND YOU? IS THAT IT? IT CAME HERE, AND YOU--

NO.



THE MONSTER NEVER SHOWED.

AGH!



HEY!
AH, SORRY, PAL.



BUT SOMETHING ELSE DID.



I COULD FEEL IT...

HULK'S RAGE INSIDE OF ME...

...BOILING.

HGH!

I'M--I'M SORRY. QUICK TEMPER, HAHA. HEY, WHY DON'T YOU LET ME BUY YOU ANOTHER--



IT--I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE IT. IT WAS DIFFERENT. LIKE IT WAS...

...COMING OFF OF ME. LIKE I WAS... CONTAGIOUS.

OH MAN! YOUR SKIN! YOU'RE BURNING UP! YOU'RE--



PUNY
BANNER!



WHA--?
NO!!! NO, YOU
CAN'T--



AGHH!!!

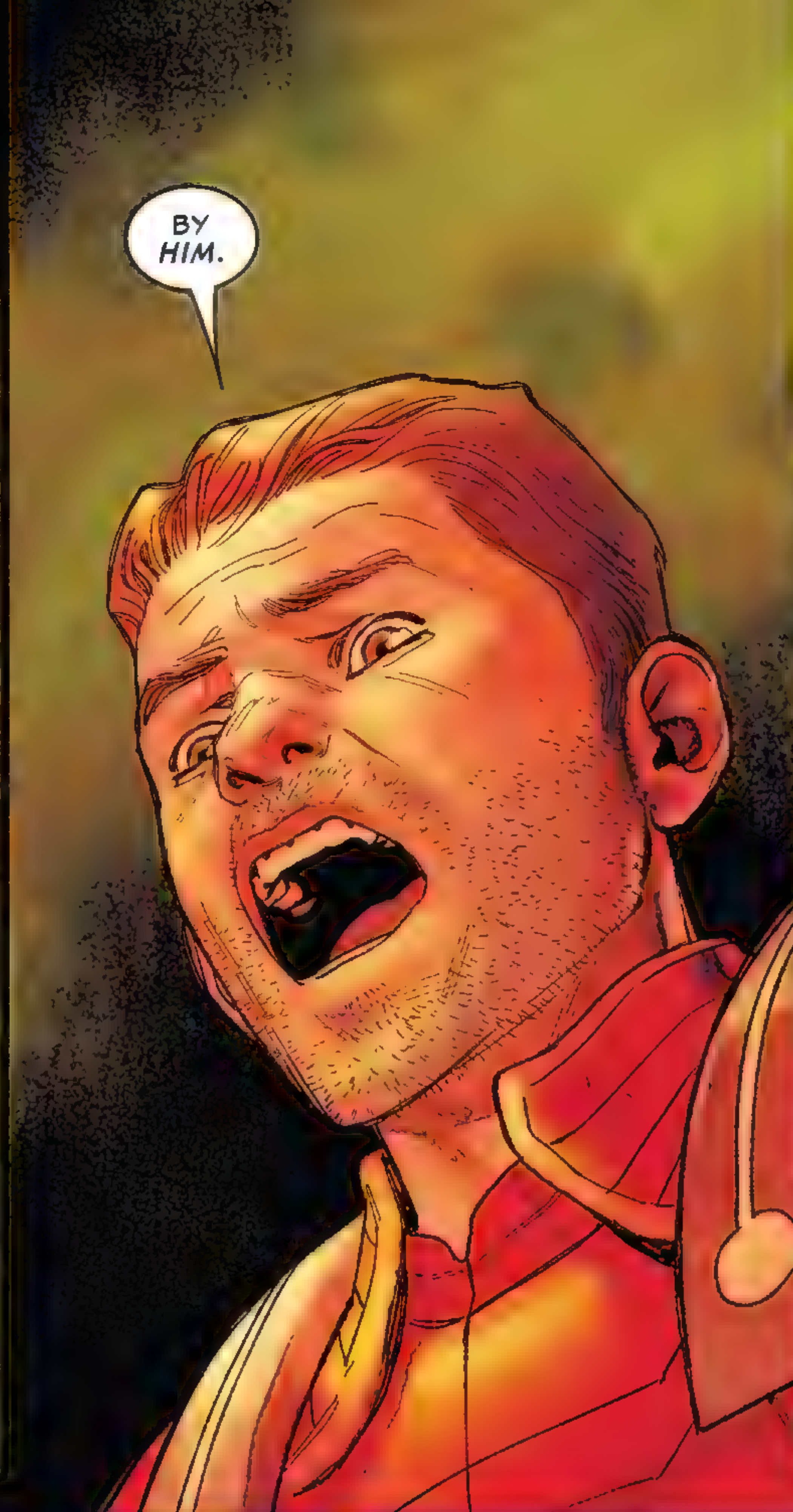
AND
THEN IT
SPREAD.

ALL
OF THEM.
INFECTED.

BY
RAGE.



BY ME.



BY
HIM.



WHEN I
OPENED MY
EYES AGAIN...
WHEN I COULD
MOVE--

--I SAW
BLACK.



THERE WAS
SOMETHING
ELSE IN THE
DRIVER'S
SEAT.

SOMETHING
NEW.

SOMETHING
HORRIFYING.

AND
I...



"...I WAS HELPLESS.

"LOCKED INSIDE OF MY OWN BODY.

"...RIPPED EVERYONE IN THE ROOM TO PIECES.

"AND...AND IT MADE ME WATCH.

"UNABLE TO STOP.

"IT WOULDN'T STOP. IT COULDN'T BE STOPPED.

"POWERLESS AS THIS THING...

"I WASN'T ALLOWED TO EVEN BLINK AS IT USED MY BODY AS A WEAPON.

"THAT I WAS SORRY.

"I COULD SCREAM.

"I COULD HEAR MYSELF TELLING THESE MEN TO RUN.

"I COULD FEEL TEARS WET ON MY CHEEKS.

"BUT NO ONE COULD HEAR ME OVER THE SOUNDS OF ROARING AND BREAKING BONES.

"AND THEN... SUDDENLY..."



...IT WAS OVER.



I STOOD THERE ALL NIGHT, WATCHING THE FIRE.

WISHING THAT I WAS INSIDE OF IT.

HOPING THAT SOMEONE WOULD COME. TO SAVE ME...

...TO KILL ME.



BUT THEY NEVER DID.

SO THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED. IF THAT FURY THAT'S INSIDE OF ME CANNOT BE TAMED--CANNOT BE FORGIVEN OR MENDED--

--EVEN AFTER BEATING THE DEVIL...

...THEN I WOULD USE IT. LIKE HE USED ME.

GODS...BUT HOW? HOW DID YOU BUILD ALL OF THIS? THERE ARE GREAT MAGICS AT WORK HERE. HOW DID YOU--



WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THOR! NO, DAMN YOU! NOT YET! NOT--

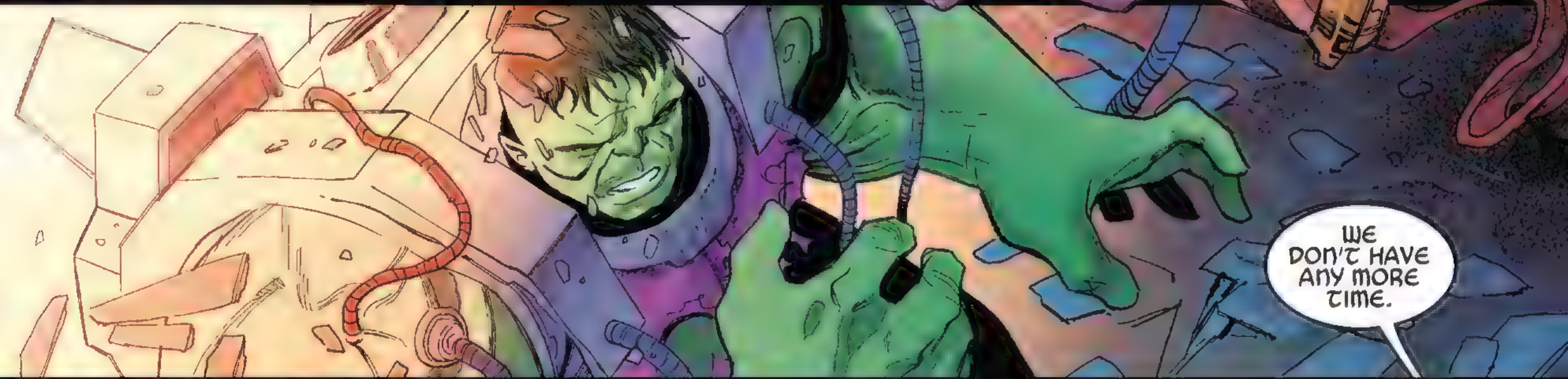


AGHH!!!

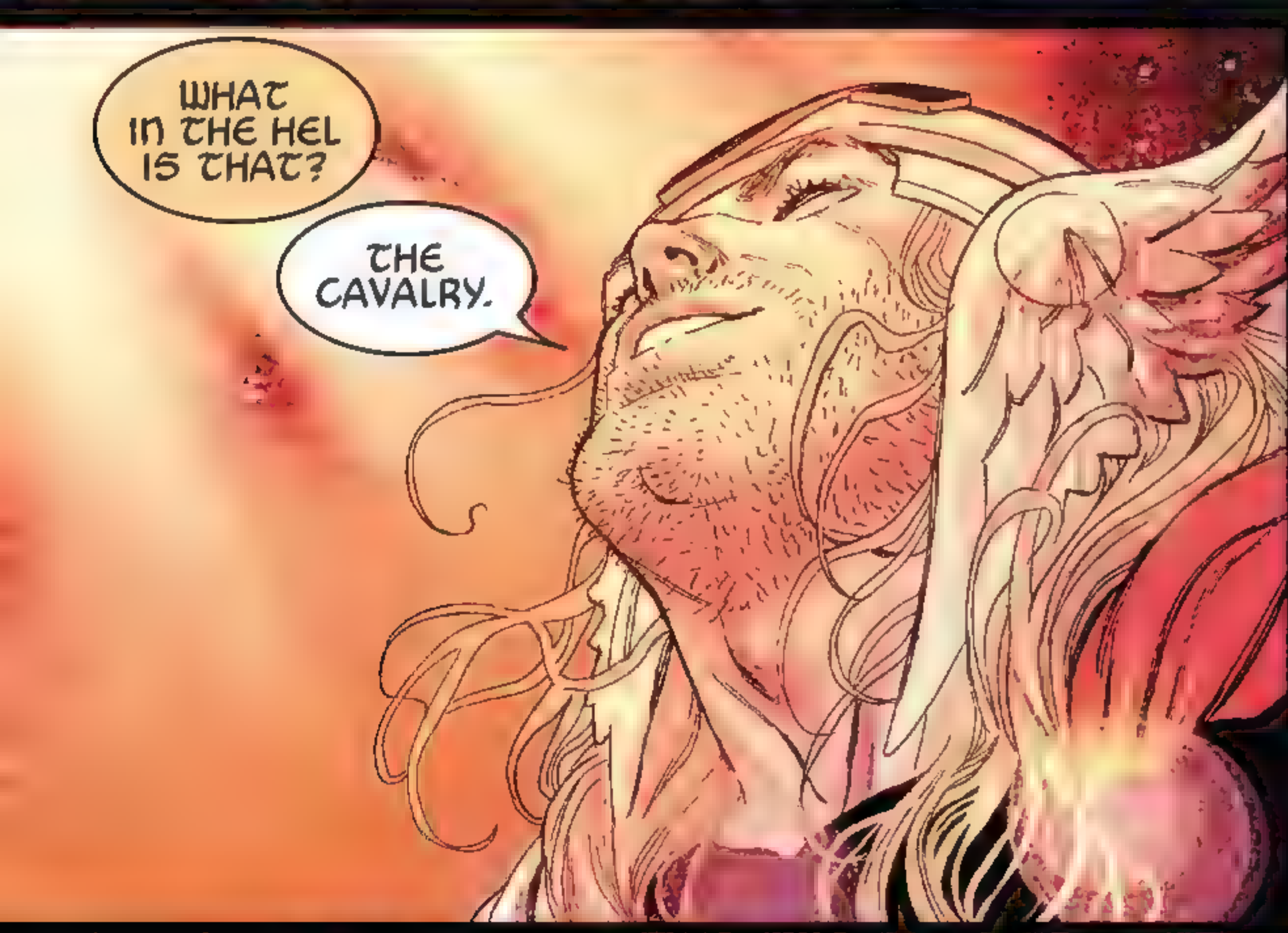


DAMN YOU, BOY! I NEED MORE TIME. SEND ME BACK!

THAT'S JUST IT, FATHER.



WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME.



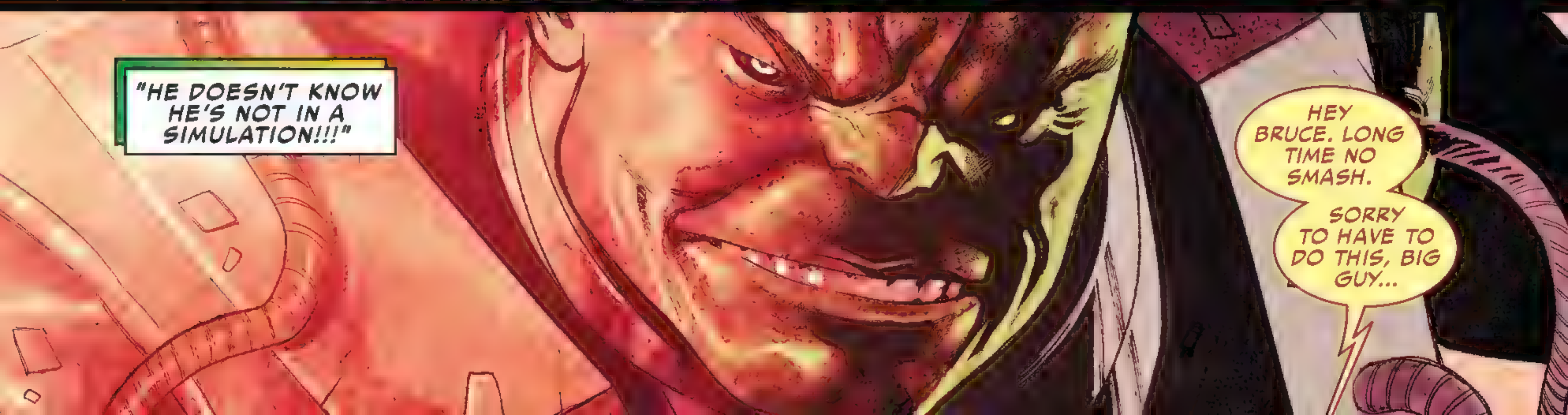
WHAT IN THE HELL IS THAT?

THE CAVALRY.



OH GOD. OH GOD. NO...

PLEASE! COME BACK! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! HE DOESN'T KNOW!



"HE DOESN'T KNOW HE'S NOT IN A SIMULATION!!!"

HEY BRUCE. LONG TIME NO SMASH.

SORRY TO HAVE TO DO THIS, BIG GUY...

...BUT I'M
GONNA HAVE TO
ASK YOU TO STEP
OUT OF THE
VEHICLE.





**THOR #25 VARIANT BY
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HULK #7



LIGHTS BURN THE
SKY IN HIS MIND.

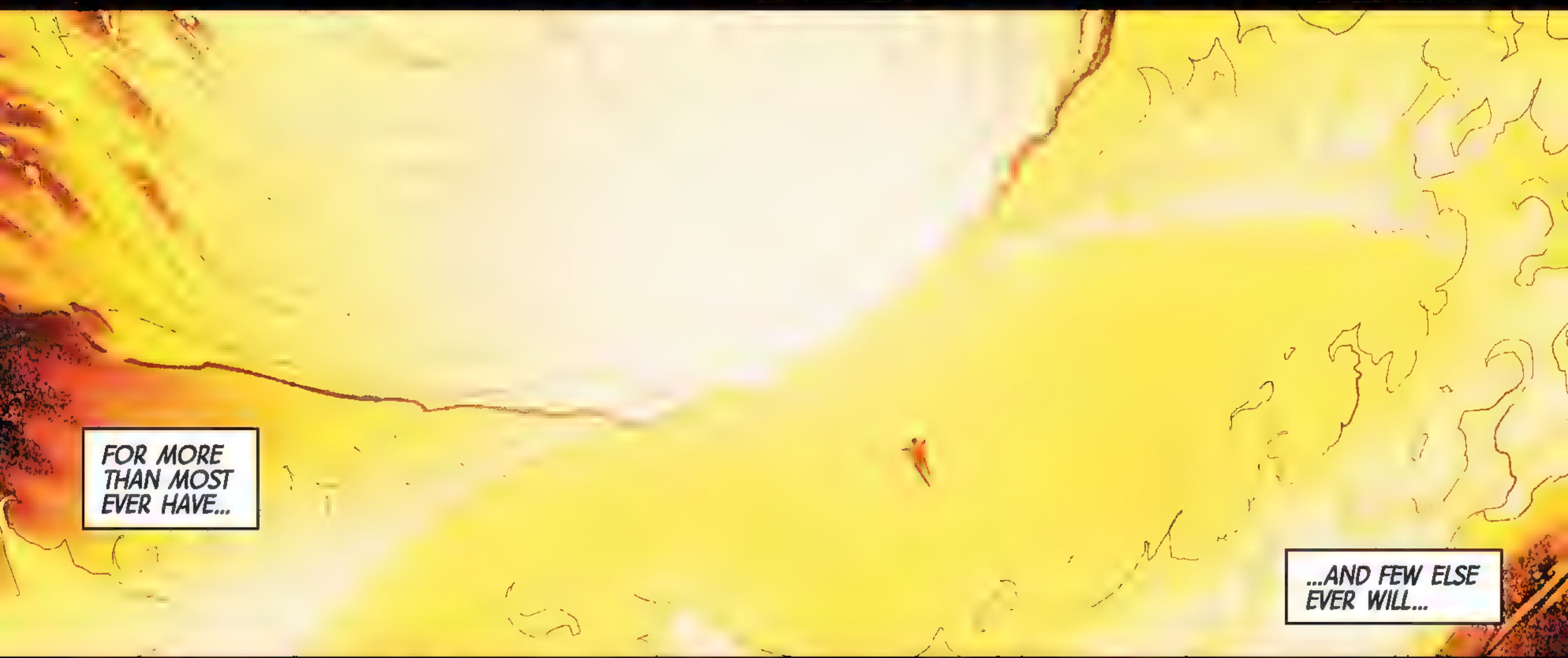
AND THOUGH IT IS A
MIND ACCUSTOMED
TO THE FIRE...

...TO THE
RAGE...



...HE YET
WEEPS.

I'M SO
SORRY...



FOR MORE
THAN MOST
EVER HAVE...

...AND FEW ELSE
EVER WILL...



...BRUCE BANNER
KNOWS WHAT
THE FIRE BRINGS.

...FOR
WHAT YOU'VE
UNLEASHED.



HE KNOWS
WHAT THE
RAGE AWAKENS.

ARRRGH!

THE BLACK
HAND OF GOD
LAYS EMPTY FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN
MILLENNIA.

ITS KNUCKLES UNCLENCHED AS
THE POWER OF A CELESTIAL
SUN SCORCHES ITS PALM.

THE LAST REMAINING JACKALS
AND MORBIDLY CURIOUS GHOULS
OF THIS QUADRANT SQUABBLE
AND COLLECT THEIR UNEARNED
WINNINGS AS THE BIFROST
SCATTERS THEM TO THE WINDS.

WHAT COMES NEXT WILL
HAVE NO WITNESSES.
NO WATCHERS.

NONE SAVE
THOR.

THE VOICE OF HIS
DEAD FATHER RINGING
IN HIS EAR...

...AND THE SMELL OF BURNING
FLESH. ANCIENT, CELESTIAL,
AND LONG DEAD...

AND BEHIND IT, THE
ROARING OF MUSCLE
AND SINEW.

BURNING AND GROWING,
YET STILL UNDER THE HEAT
OF A COSMIC MAELSTROM...

...WHICH UNLEASHES AN
INFINITE OCEAN OF PAIN THAT
HUMANKIND CANNOT PERCEIVE...

...UPON A
CREATURE THAT
KNOWS NOT WHY
IT MUST SUFFER.

A CREATURE...
REBORN.

SET FREE FROM A
CAGE MADE FROM
HIS REFLECTION.

UM...
B.O.S.S.? WHAT'S
GOING ON?

IT WASN'T EASY
TURNING THIS CELESTIAL'S BODY
INTO HULKBUSTER ARMOR THAT
COULD DRAIN THE GAMMA RADIATION
OUT OF HULK SO WE COULD SAFELY
APPREHEND HIM. DON'T GET ME
WRONG, IT'S DOING
ITS JOB...

...BUT A) THIS IS
AN *INSANE* AMOUNT OF
GAMMA, AND B) HOW IS HE
STILL STANDING? SHOULDN'T
HE BE...YOU KNOW,
SMALLER?

INCORRECT.
POWER LEVELS
SURGING. GAMMA
RADIATION
INCREASING.

WHAT??
FROM
WHERE?!

FROM HIS
SHADOW.

ONLY TO FACE THE
WRATH OF A GOD.

AND THE CELESTIAL
JUDGMENT OF A
HUNDRED THOUSAND
EXPLODING STARS.

FROM THE ONLY
MAN HE KNEW
AS FRIEND.

IT IS TOO
MUCH.

IT IS TOO
MUCH.



IT IS TOO MUCH.

AGGHH!!!
FALL DOWN,
DAMN YOU!



IT IS...

...TOO MUCH.



IT IS...

...TOO MUCH.

VOOOOOOOOMMM

ALERT.
CRITICAL
DAMAGE TO
INTERNAL
SYSTEMS.

→COUGH←
YEAH! YEAH,
I FELT THAT!
THANKS!

WHAT THE HELL
WAS THAT? HOW IS
BANNER *THAT* STRONG?
IS THAT EVEN
POSS--

YOU HAVE
SUSTAINED MULTIPLE
BROKEN RIBS AND A
FRACTURED COLLARBONE.
INITIATING CELESTIAL
SELF-HEALING PROTOCOLS
AND DIAGNOSTICS.

IT IS...

ADMINISTERING
SEDATIVE AND SLAVING
CONTROLS TO--

NO! NO.
GET ME UP. I
NEED TO--

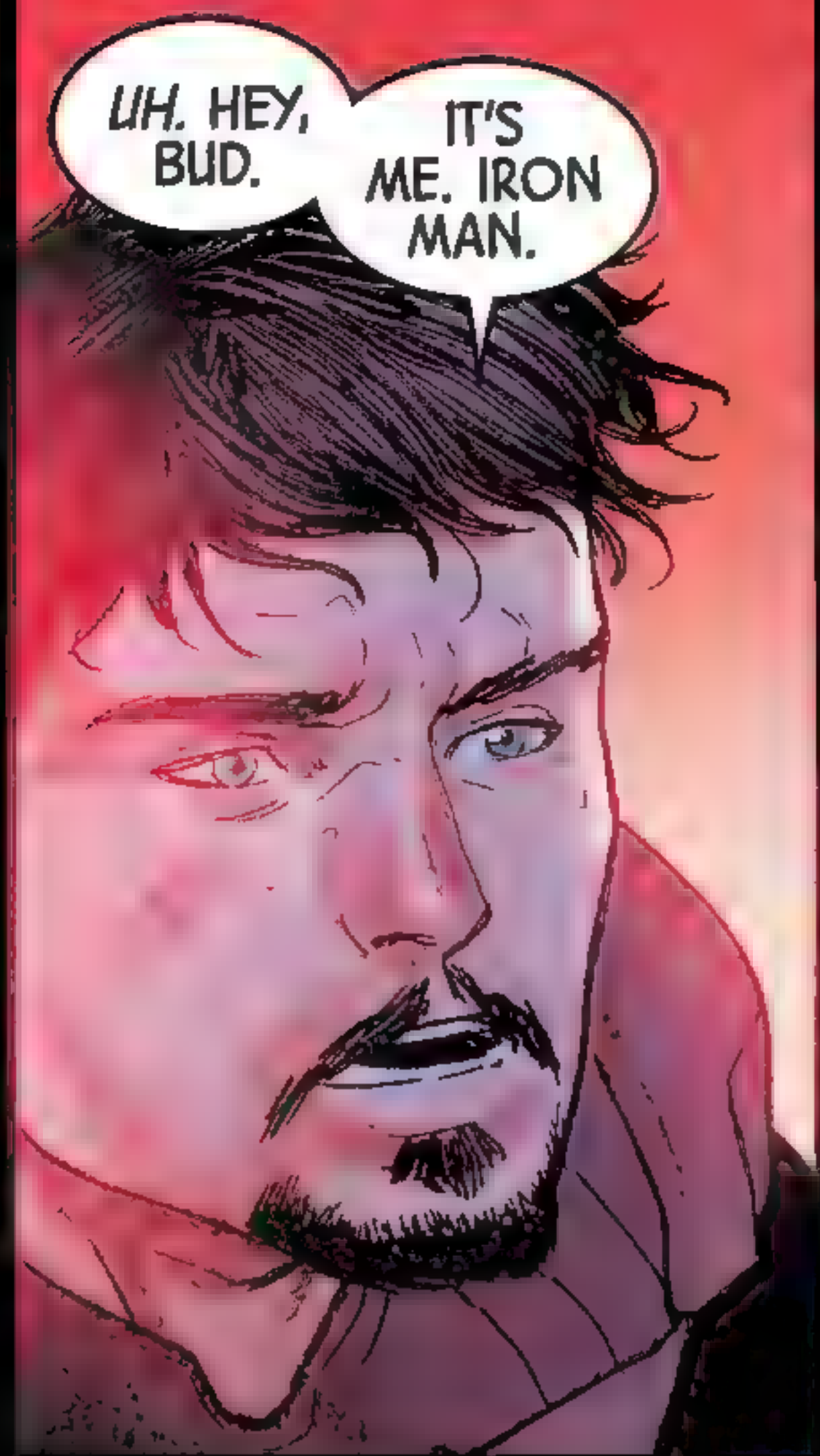
...WAIT.
WHAT
THE...?

...ENOUGH.

tony...

IF YOU
CAN HEAR
ME IN THERE...
STAY DOWN.





UH. HEY, BUD.

IT'S ME. IRON MAN.



OF THE AVENGERS? THE TEAM YOU'RE ON? YOU...YOU CALLED ME HERE?? NOW YOU TRY TO KILL ME? WHAT THE HELL, MAN?!

I APOLOGIZE, OLD FRIEND. THAT WAS...NOT OF MY OWN DOING.

my...HAMMER... IT...REACTED... POORLY. IT IS **STUBBORN AND OLD** AND...INCREASINGLY DEFIANT.



I'M SORRY. YOU...YOUR HAMMER??

HOW MANY TIMES ARE WE GOING TO SING THIS SONG, THOR?

I THOUGHT YOU KILLED THE BIG, BLUE LIGHTNING LADY THAT WAS MAKING YOUR HAMMER EVIL--DIDN'T WE JUST DO THAT?

GOTTA SAY, THIS ISN'T GOING TO LOOK GOOD ON THE QUARTERLIES, BIG GUY.



JUST TELL HIM, DAMMIT! MAYBE HE'LL LISTEN TO ME!

HULK IS NOT IN CONTROL!

I KNOW THAT!

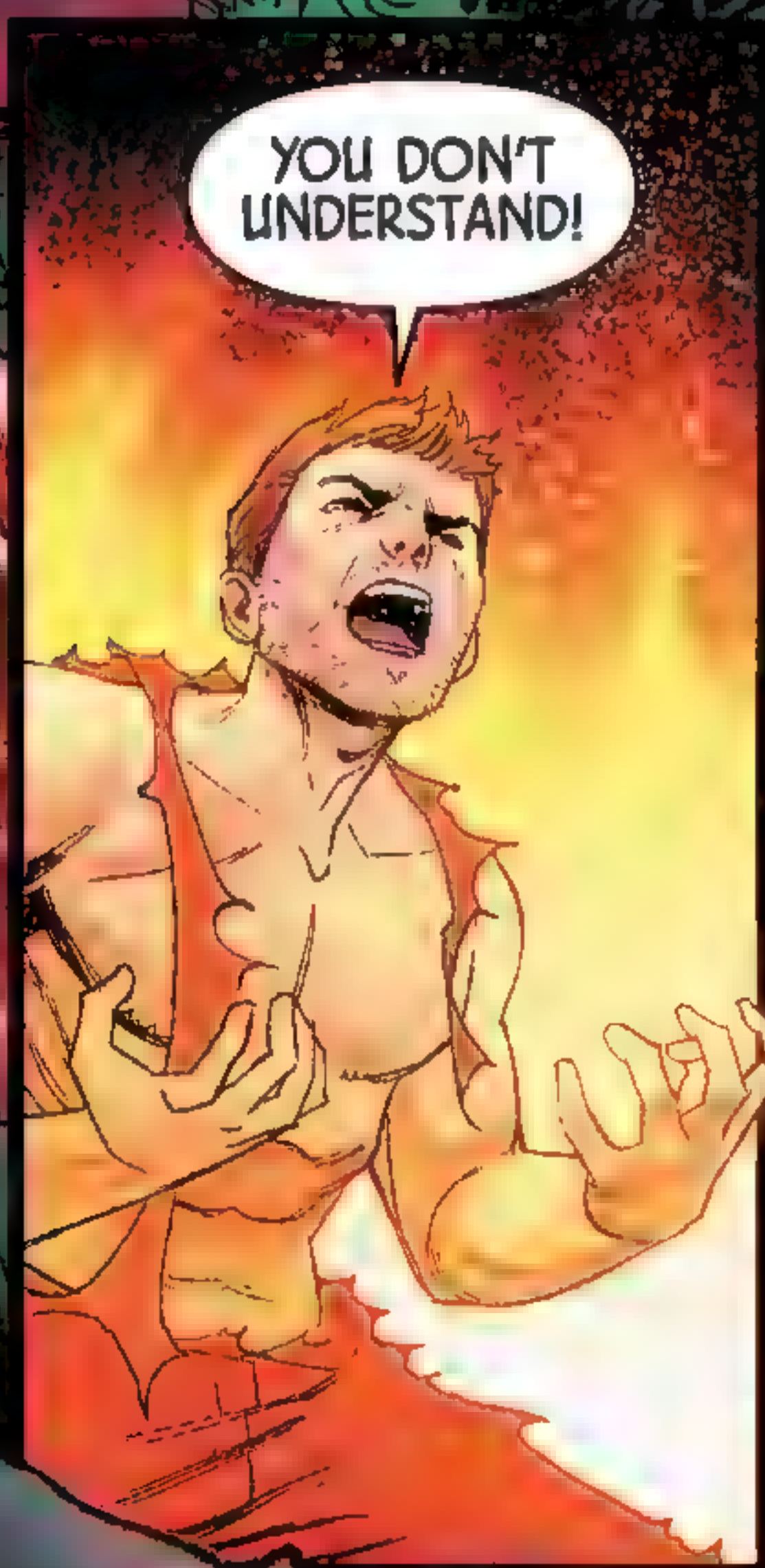


TONY...I KNOW THAT. YES. I'VE BEEN...ERRATIC, BUT YOU MUST TRUST ME. THERE IS MORE AT PLAY HERE THAN EITHER OF US KNOW. WE HAVE NEVER FACED ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.

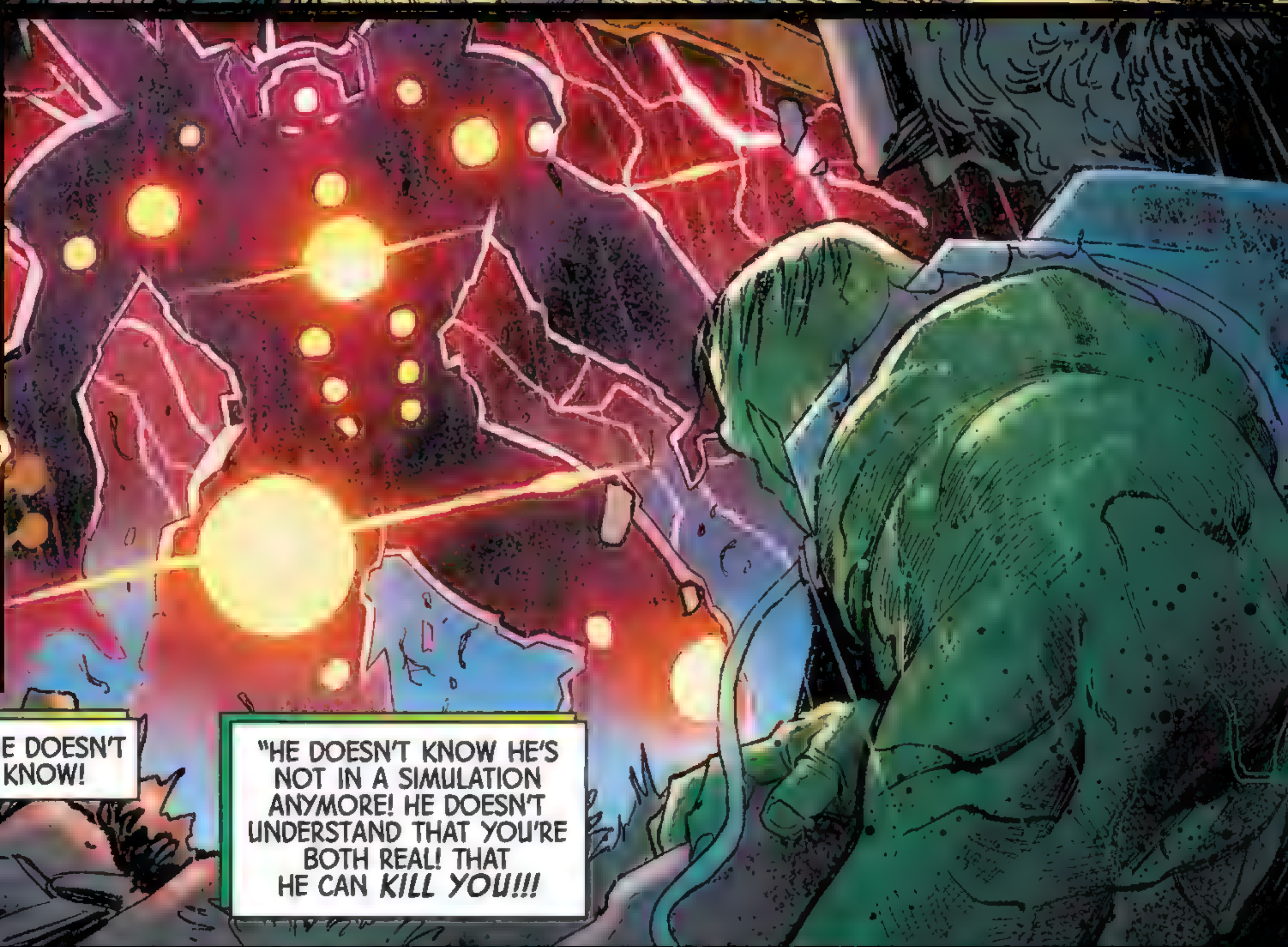
I FEAR WE MAY HAVE TO TAKE BANNER DOWN FOR GOOD THIS--

FOR BURI'S SAKE, SON! BEHIND YOU!





YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!



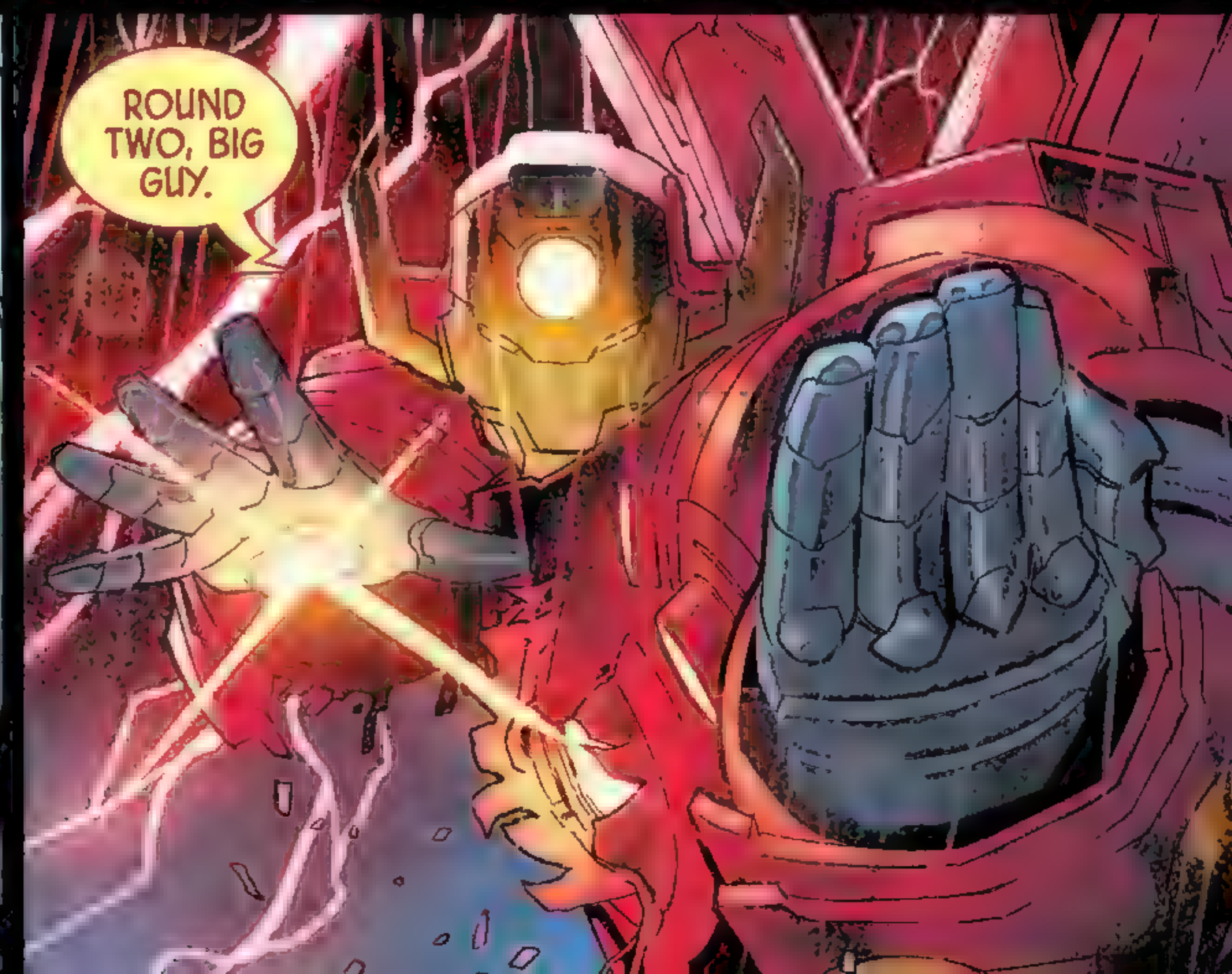
"HE DOESN'T KNOW!"

"HE DOESN'T KNOW HE'S NOT IN A SIMULATION ANYMORE! HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE BOTH REAL! THAT HE CAN KILL YOU!!!"



"HE'S NOT GOING TO HOLD BACK!"

RNGGHGH...



ROUND TWO, BIG GUY.



LET'S GO!!!

WHAT ARE YOU--

YOU DON'T LISTEN, BOY! HE NEEDS OUR HELP!

WHO?! WHAT ARE YOU--

DAMN YOU! LET ME--

FATHER!

--GO!!!

RAGGHHH!!!

RAGHHHH! BANNER!!!

THOR?! LITTLE HELP?!

BOOM

HULK...

FATHER, NO!!!

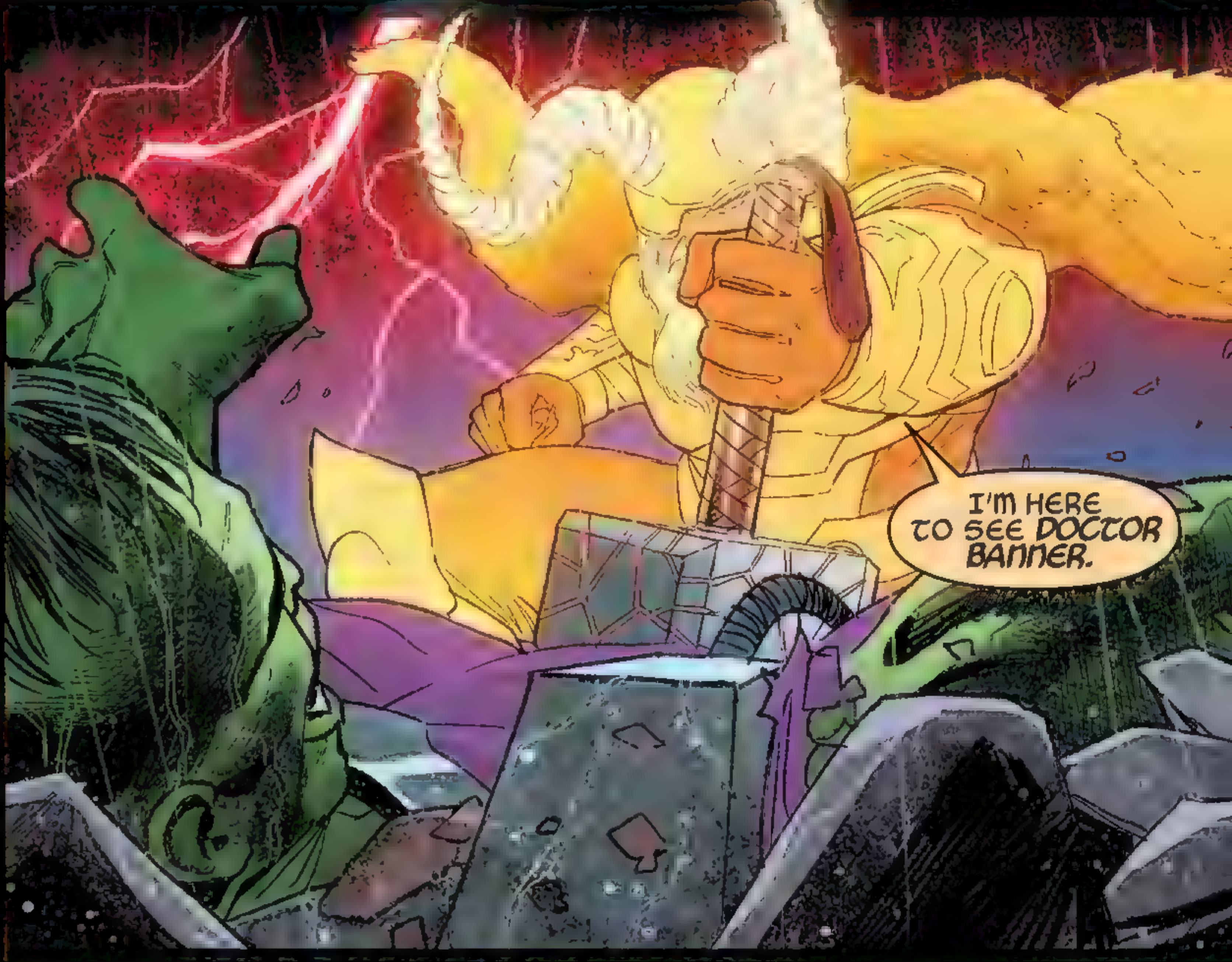
...WORTHY?



CALM
DOWN, FRIEND.
EVERYTHING IS
ALL RIGHT...

I'M NOT
HERE FOR
YOU.

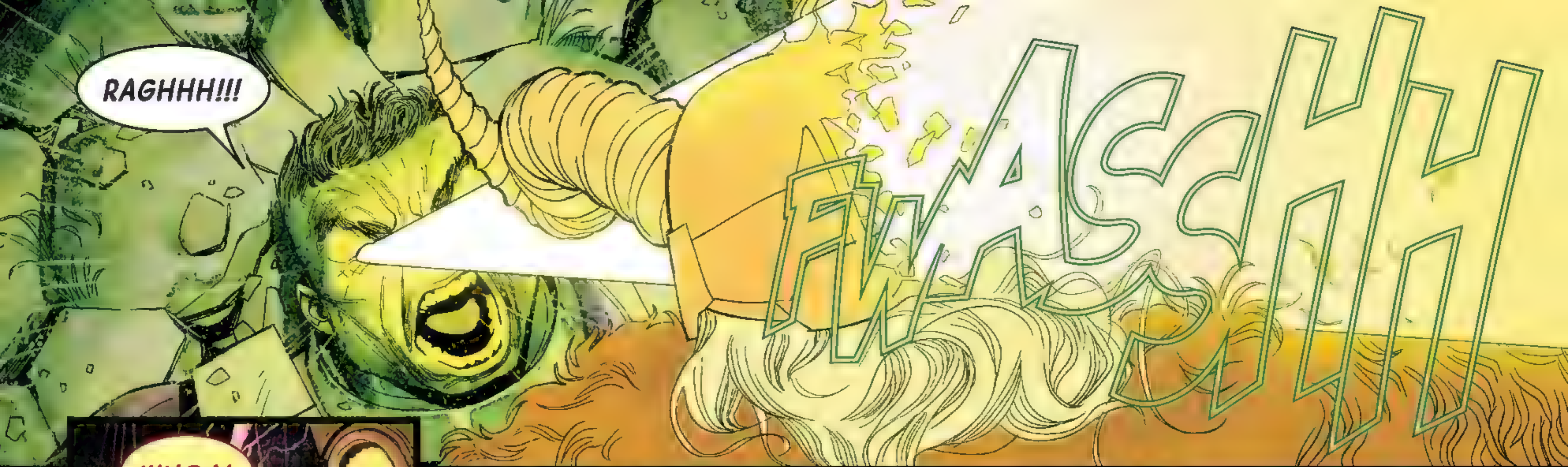
RNGHH!



I'M HERE
TO SEE DOCTOR
BANNER.



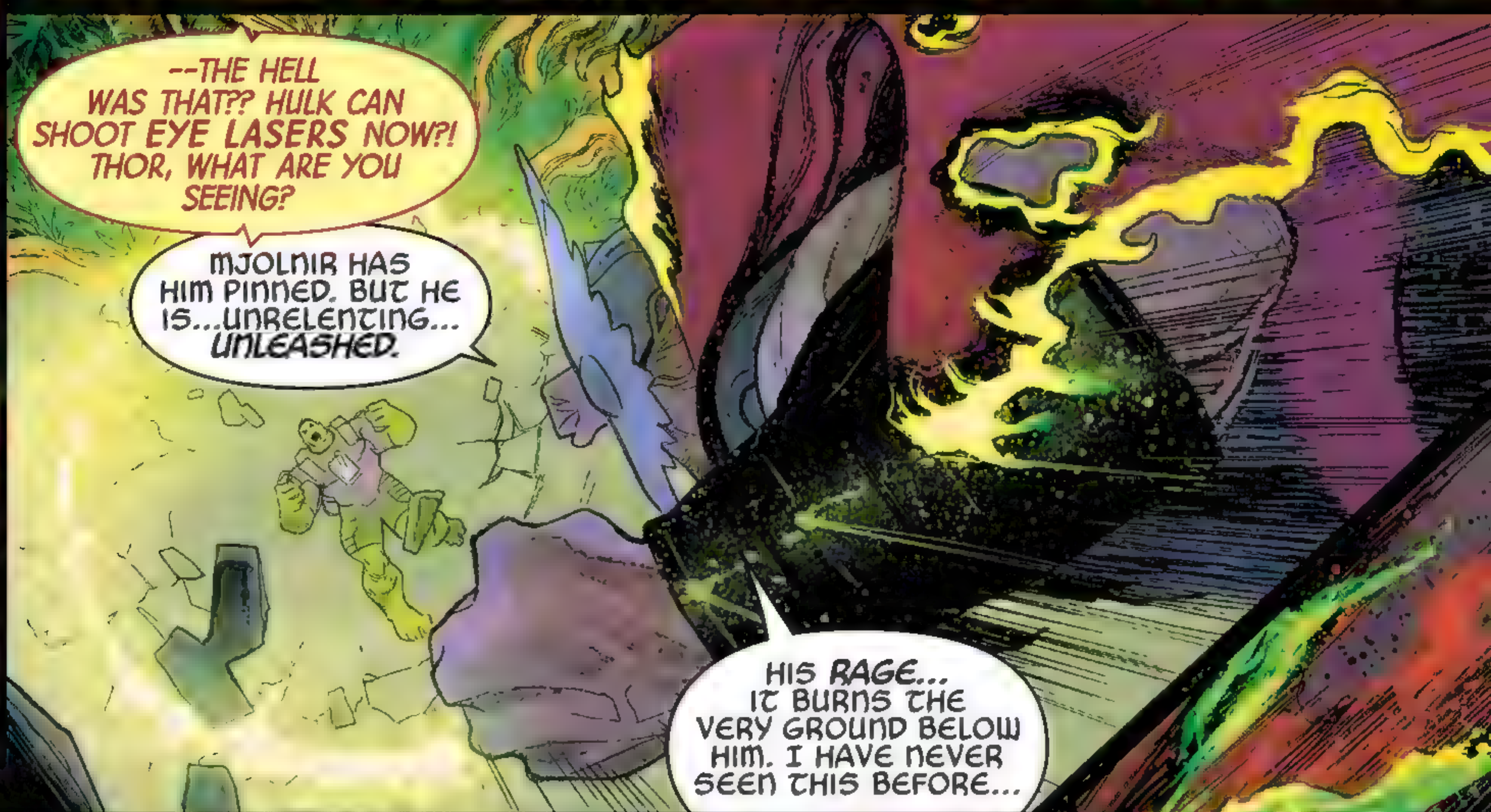
BANNER!!!



RAGHHH!!!



WHOA!



--THE HELL WAS THAT?? HULK CAN SHOOT EYE LASERS NOW?! THOR, WHAT ARE YOU SEEING?

MJOLNIR HAS HIM PINNED. BUT HE IS...UNRELENTING... UNLEASHED.

HIS RAGE... IT BURNS THE VERY GROUND BELOW HIM. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS BEFORE...



LET!

WHOA. I'M GETTING SOME READINGS HERE. THAT'S NOT RAGE BURNING THE GROUND OUT THERE.

THAT'S GAMMA. A WHOLE HELL OF A LOT OF IT. LIKE... "MELT AN ENTIRE CITY SKYLINE" LEVELS.



THOR, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THERE! NOW!!!

FATHER!!! TO ME!! WE MUST--

NAY!! I CAN REACH HIM!

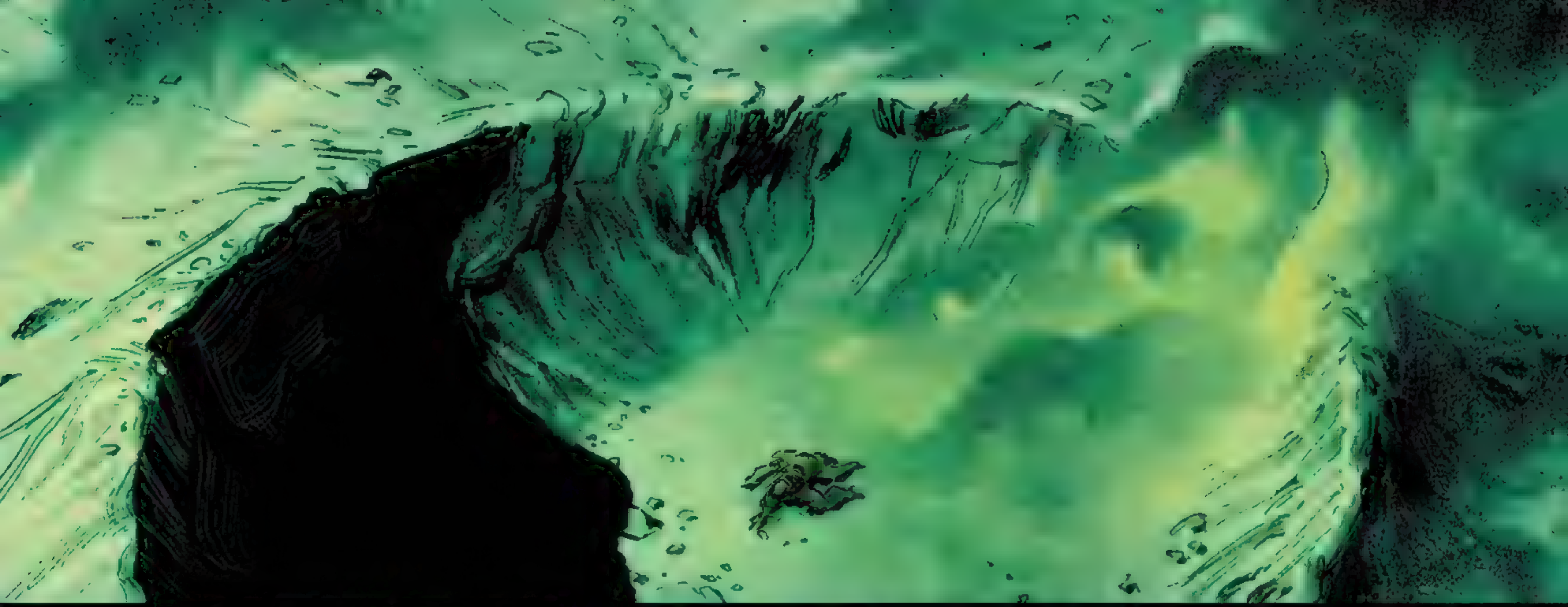
HULK!!

I CAN--

FREE!!!





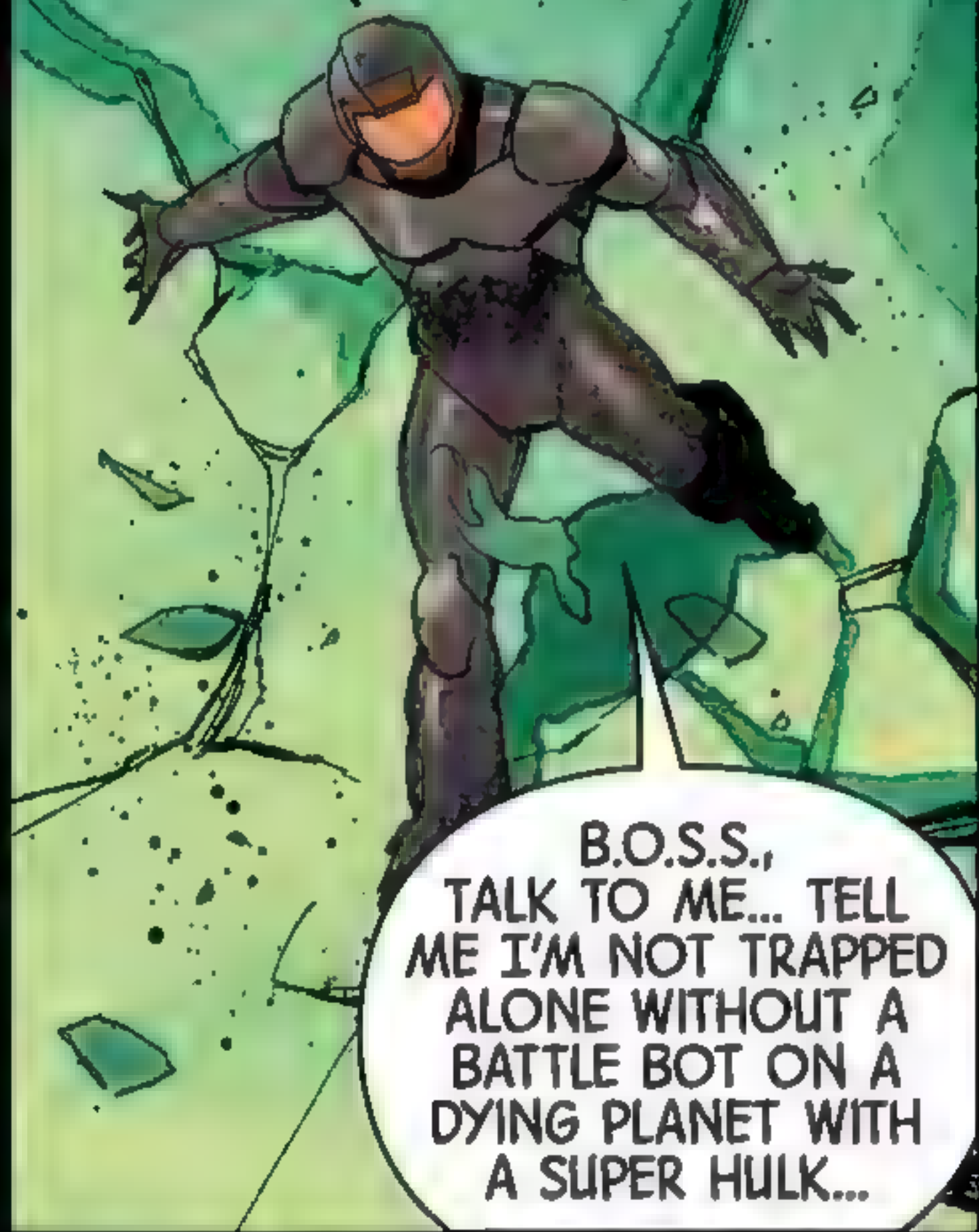




DID...

...DID WE KNOW
HE COULD DO
THAT?

THOR? YOU
THERE?



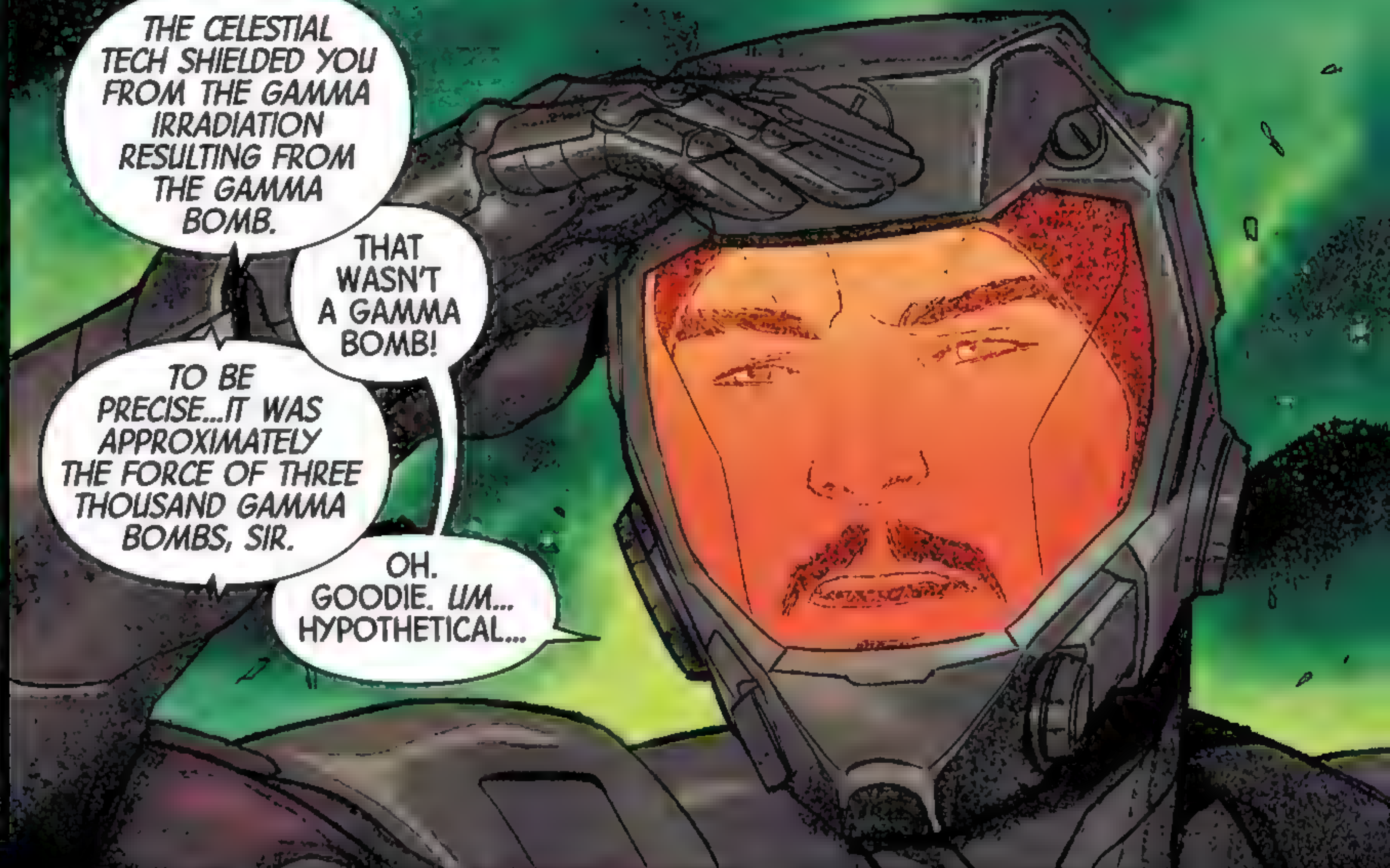
B.O.S.S.,
TALK TO ME... TELL
ME I'M NOT TRAPPED
ALONE WITHOUT A
BATTLE BOT ON A
DYING PLANET WITH
A SUPER HULK...

THE CELESTIAL
TECH SHIELDED YOU
FROM THE GAMMA
IRRADIATION
RESULTING FROM
THE GAMMA
BOMB.

THAT
WASN'T
A GAMMA
BOMB!

TO BE
PRECISE...IT WAS
APPROXIMATELY
THE FORCE OF THREE
THOUSAND GAMMA
BOMBS, SIR.

OH.
GOODIE. UM...
HYPOTHETICAL...



...IF SOMEONE...SAY, HUMAN...
WAS CAUGHT IN THAT BLAST...
LIKE BANNER WAS. WOULD
THAT--?

CREATE
A HULK? NO,
SIR. IT WOULD
ATOMIZE
THEM.



GREAT...
AND, UM...JUST
FOR GIGGLES...



...WHAT IF
THEY WEREN'T
HUMAN?

"WHAT IF
THEY WERE
A GOD?"

THOR...

...SMASH!!!



HULK #7 & THOR #25 CONNECTING VARIANTS BY CHRISSIE ZULLO



**THOR #25 VARIANT BY
RON LIM & ISRAEL SILVA**



THOR #26

AND THEN...THERE
WAS NOTHING.

NOTHING
LEFT...

...BUT
RAGE.

THOR...



RAGE IN THE THUNDER.

SMASH!!!

RAGHH!!!

AGHH!!!

BWAAH!!!

VRSHHH

BOOOO

THOR!!!

STOP!
THIS ISN'T
YOU!!!

PLEASE...
DON'T MAKE
ME--

RAGHH!!!





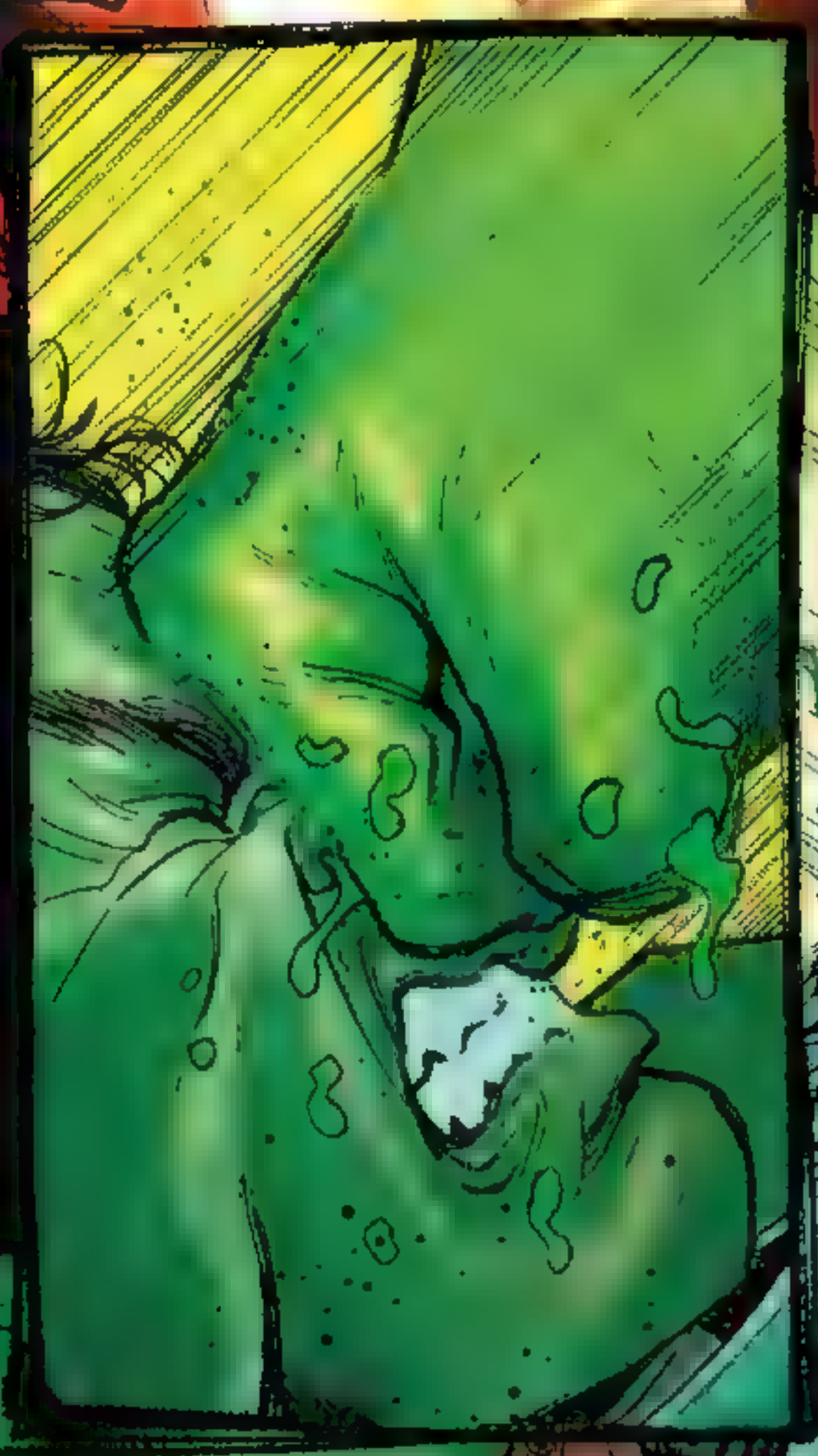
YOU...

...RUN.



RAGHHH!!!

BOOM



AGHH
HH!!!



CRACK-BOOM

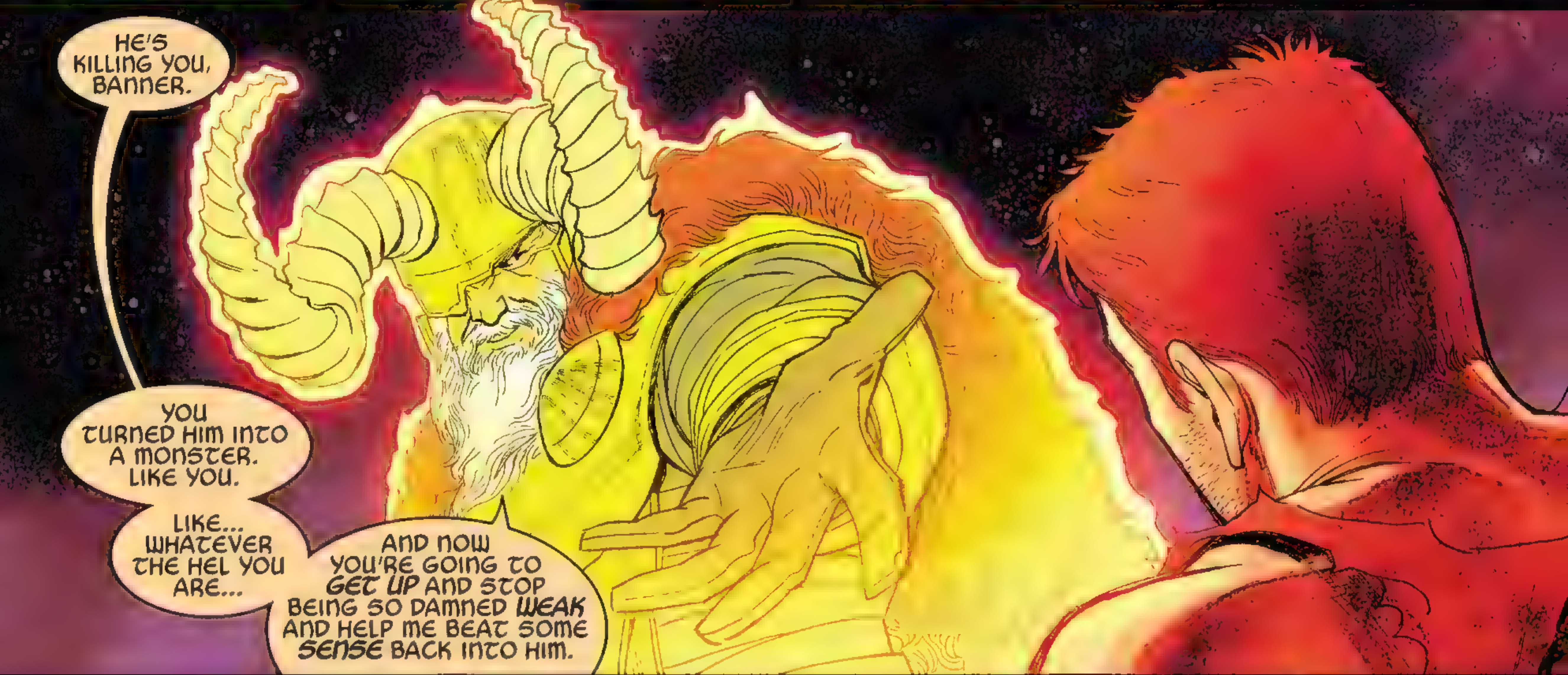


AGH!!!



DEAR...DEAR GOD, WHAT IS HAPPENING OUT THERE?

THOR.



HE'S KILLING YOU, BANNER.

YOU TURNED HIM INTO A MONSTER. LIKE YOU.

LIKE... WHATEVER THE HEL YOU ARE...

AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET UP AND STOP BEING SO DAMNED WEAK AND HELP ME BEAT SOME SENSE BACK INTO HIM.



YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT I AM.



WHAT DO YOU NEED?

I HAVE TO GET BACK INTO MY CONTROL CENTER--HULK HAS TAKEN OVER AS THE PRIME PERSONALITY DRIVING THE SHIP.

I HAVE TO TAKE IT BACK.

AYE. IF YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU JUST SAID, THAT IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME. WHAT CAN I DO?

WELL, ODIN...I HAVE A BIG FAVOR TO ASK...

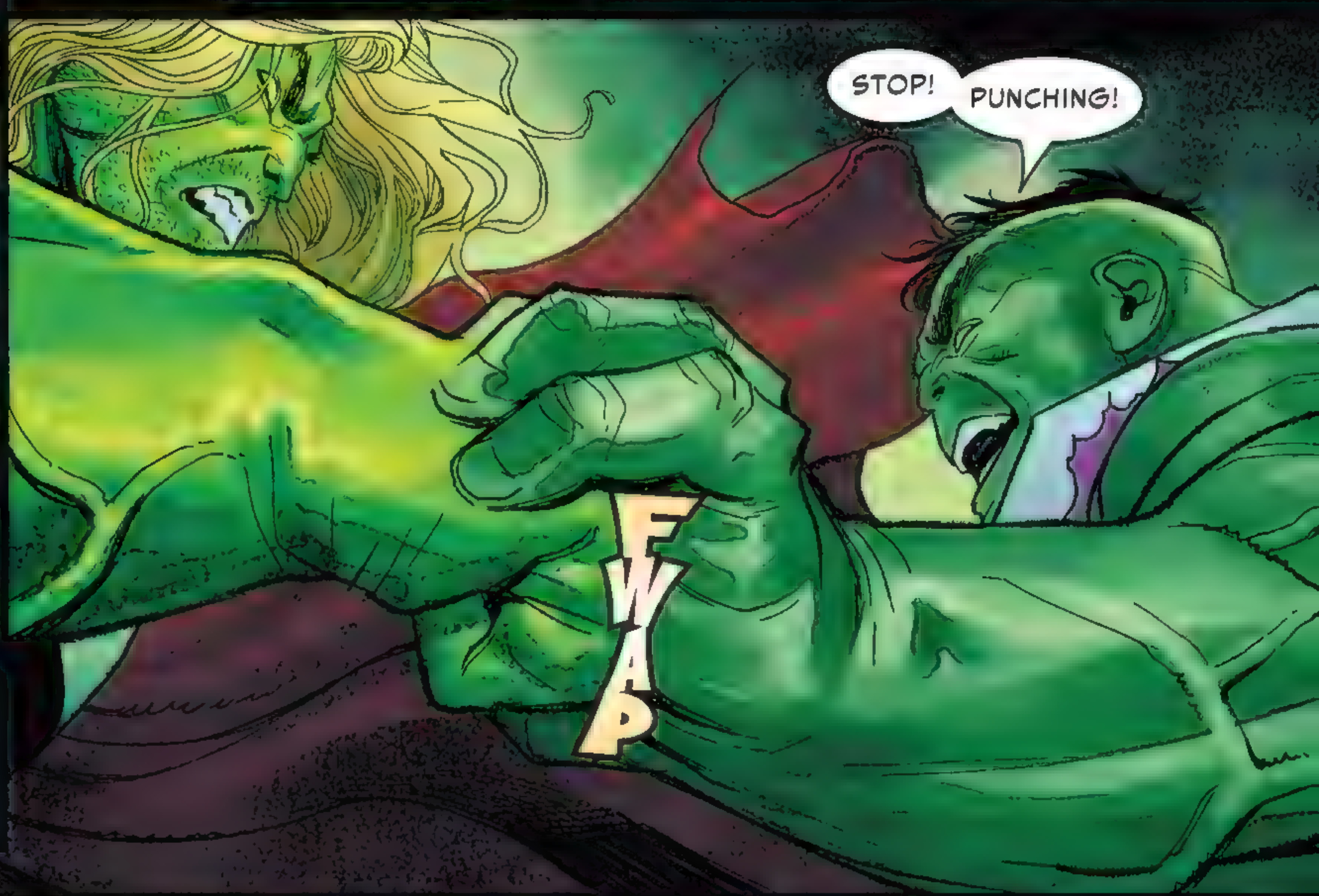


RAGHH!!!



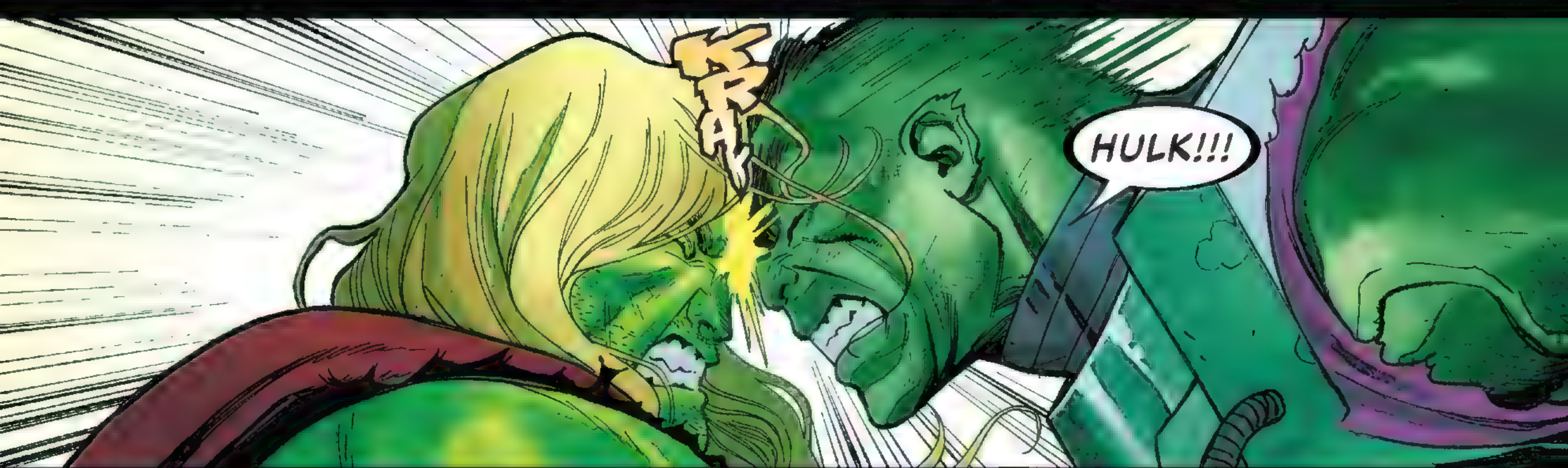
IRON MAN TO AVENGERS HQ,
THOR IS COMPROMISED! I
NEED IMMEDIATE EVAC OR--
OR BACKUP OR...
SOMETHING!!!

HELLO?
HEY!!! IS
ANYONE--?

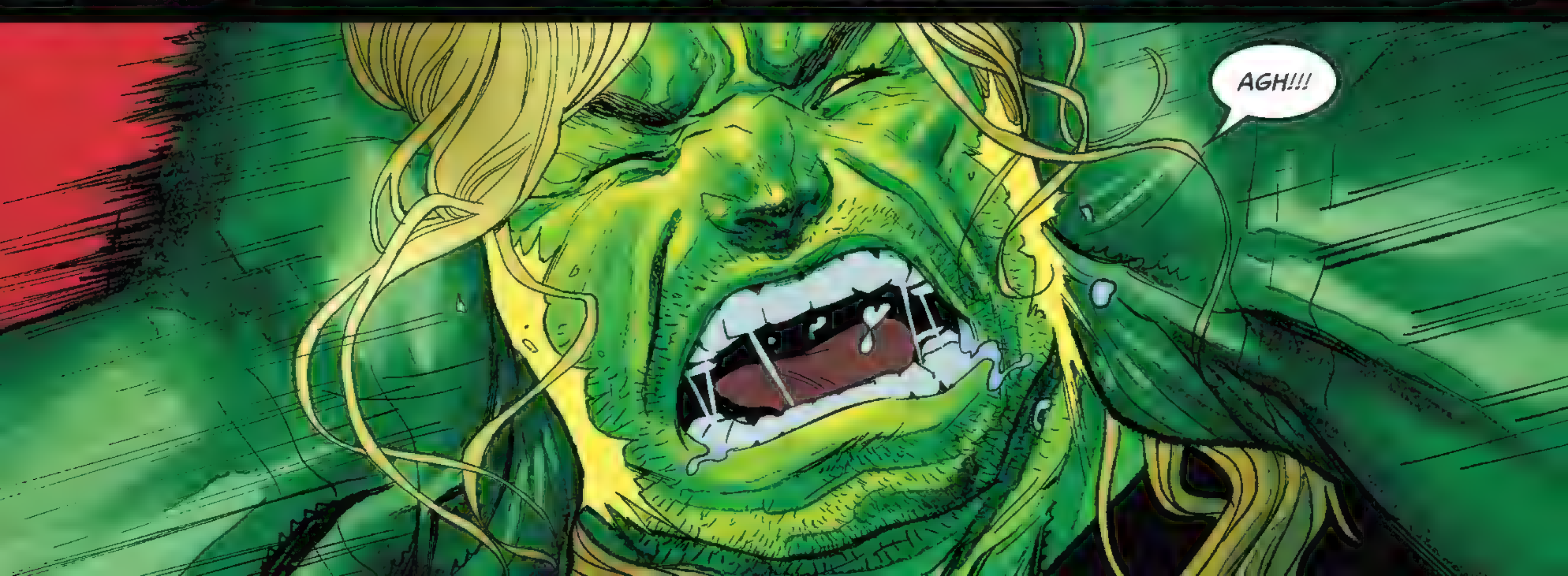


STOP! PUNCHING!

FWAP



HULK!!!



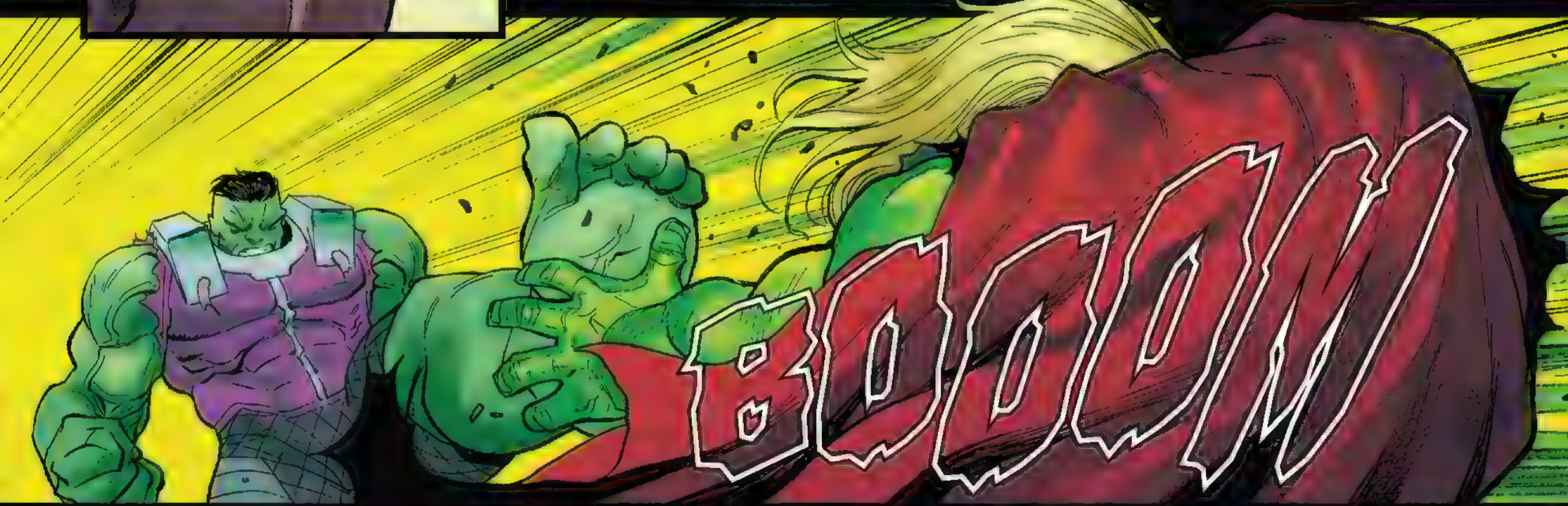
AGH!!!



COME ON!!!
CAN ANYONE
HEAR--

ANTHONY
STARK...

WE
CAN HEAR
YOU.



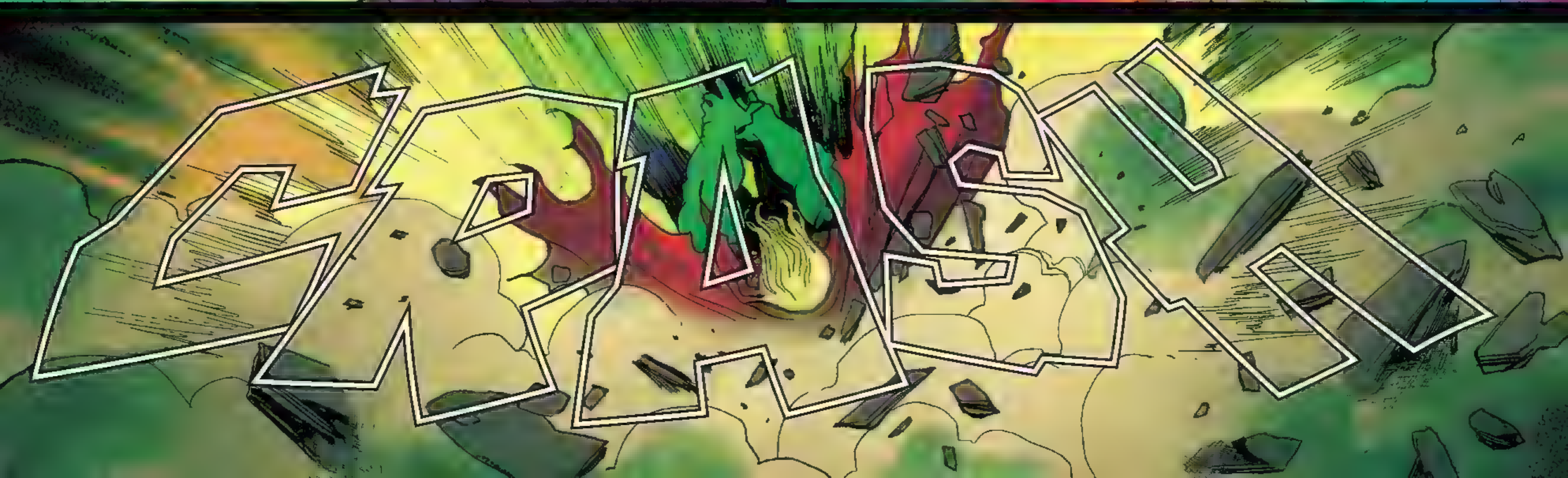
OH...RIGHT...
THE TALKING
BIRDS.

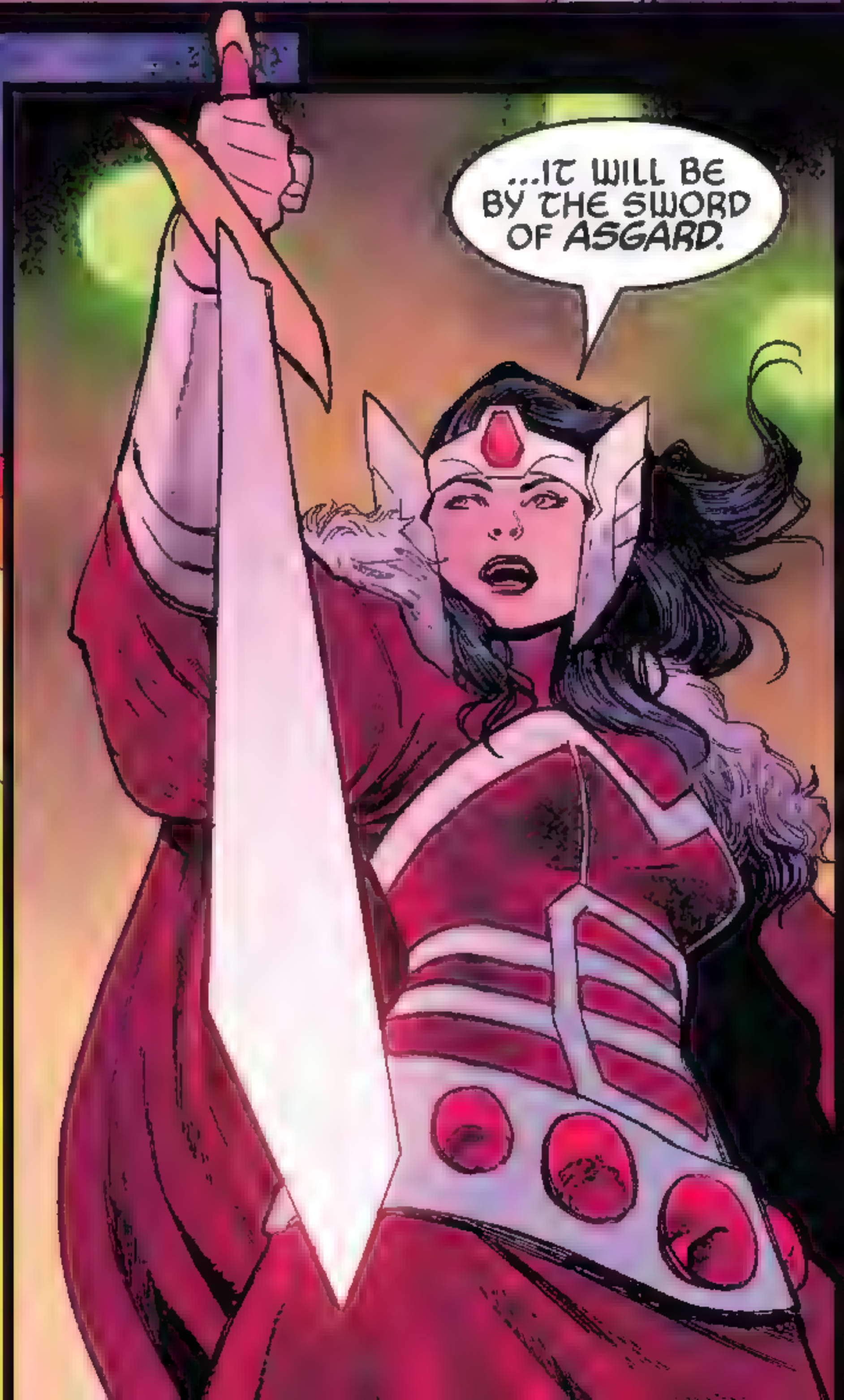
NOW
EVERYTHING
MAKES--



WAAAHN

--SENSE--
WHOOAA,
HEY!!!







no...
THOR...

...THOR
WILL NOT...
FALL--



WAAANN

HRRR!!!
NO!!!



AGH!!! THIS...THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

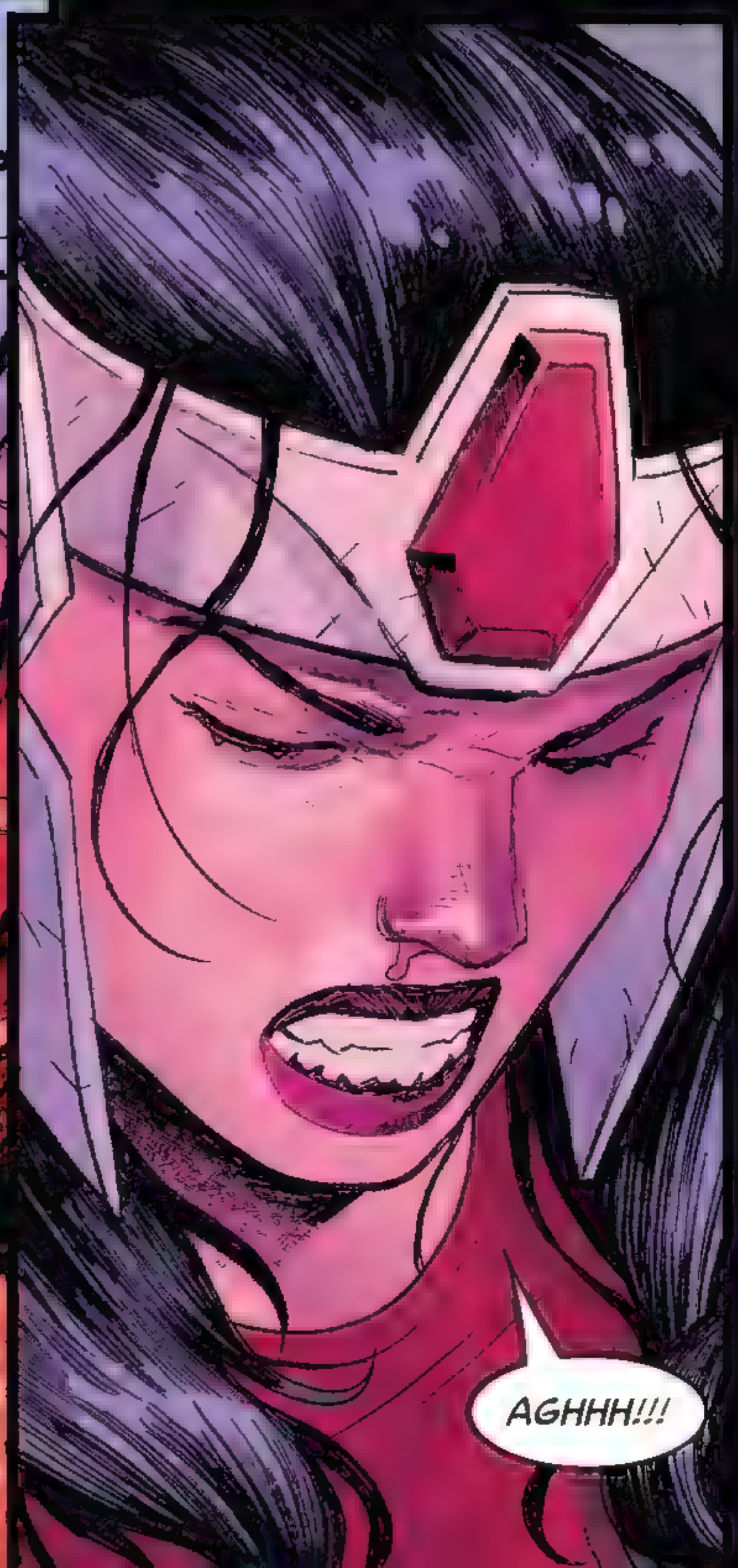
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

THE
BIFROST...
HE'S...

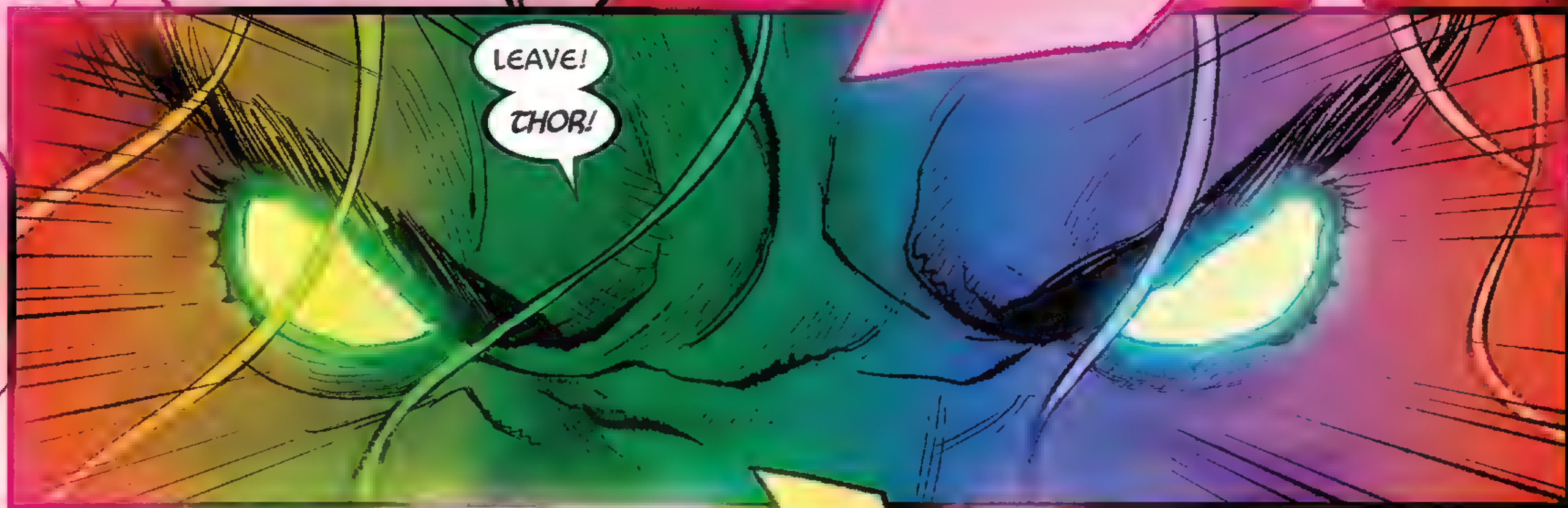


"...HE'S
FIGHTING IT!"

LIGHT!!!
LIGHT...NO...
TAKE...THOR!!!



AGHHH!!!



LEAVE!
THOR!



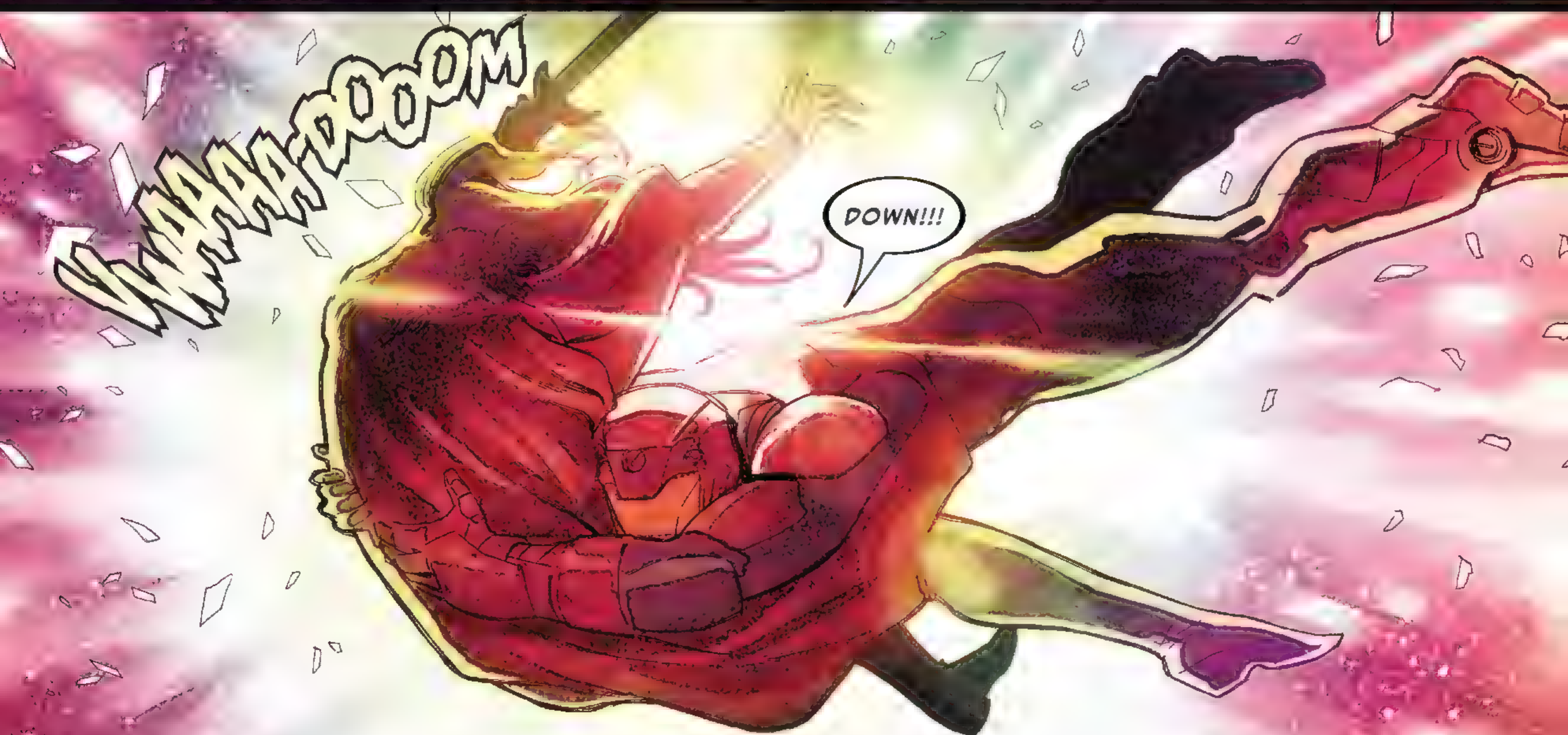
KRA-KA-BOOM

ALONE!!!

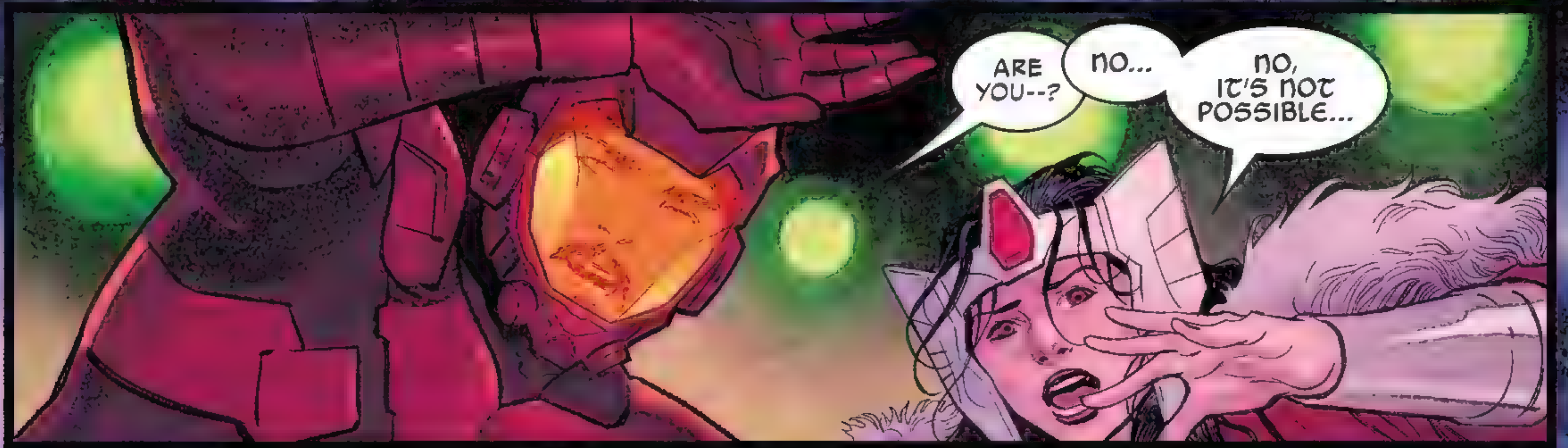


THOR...

...I...I
HAVE FAILED
you...



DOWN!!!



ARE YOU--?

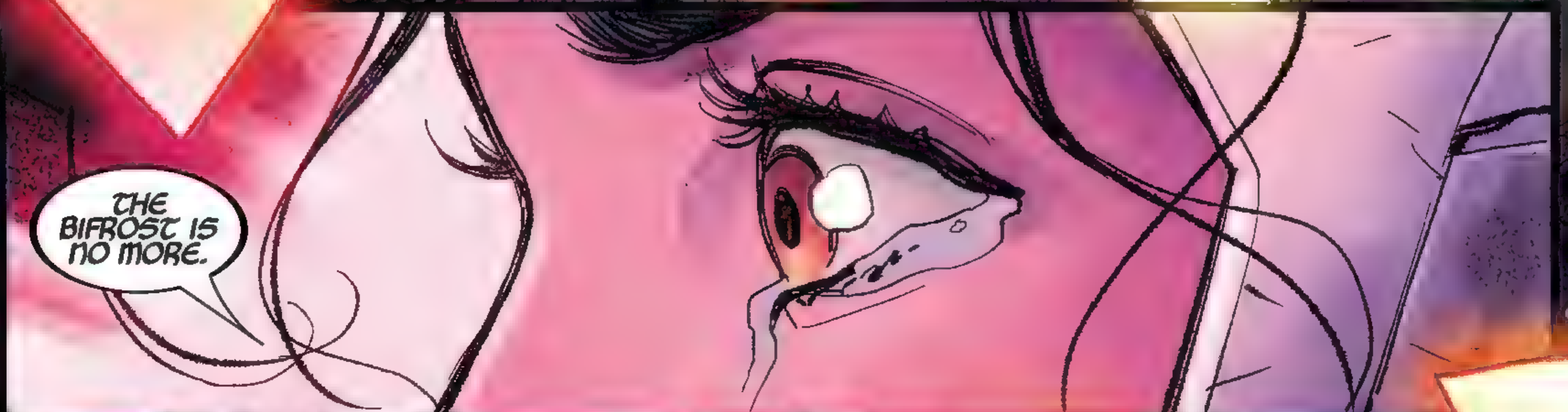
NO...

NO, IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...



HE...

...HE BROKE IT.



THE BIFROST IS NO MORE.



GODS...

HE'S...

...HE'S GONE.



NOT NECESSARILY.

I THINK I CAN STOP HIM.

I JUST NEED--



ABSOLUTELY NOT! I AM NOT AIDING YOU IN YOUR QUEST TO LOSE EVEN MORE OF THAT MIND OF YOURS. WE MUST TRY TO SUBDUCE HIM WITH--

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. THAT IS NOT THOR.

THIS...THIS NEW THING I HAVE INSIDE OF ME, TITAN... IT POSSESSES PEOPLE. TURNS THEM INTO KILLING MACHINES. HE'S BASICALLY A WALKING, TALKING VERSION OF WHAT MADE ME WHAT I AM NOW...

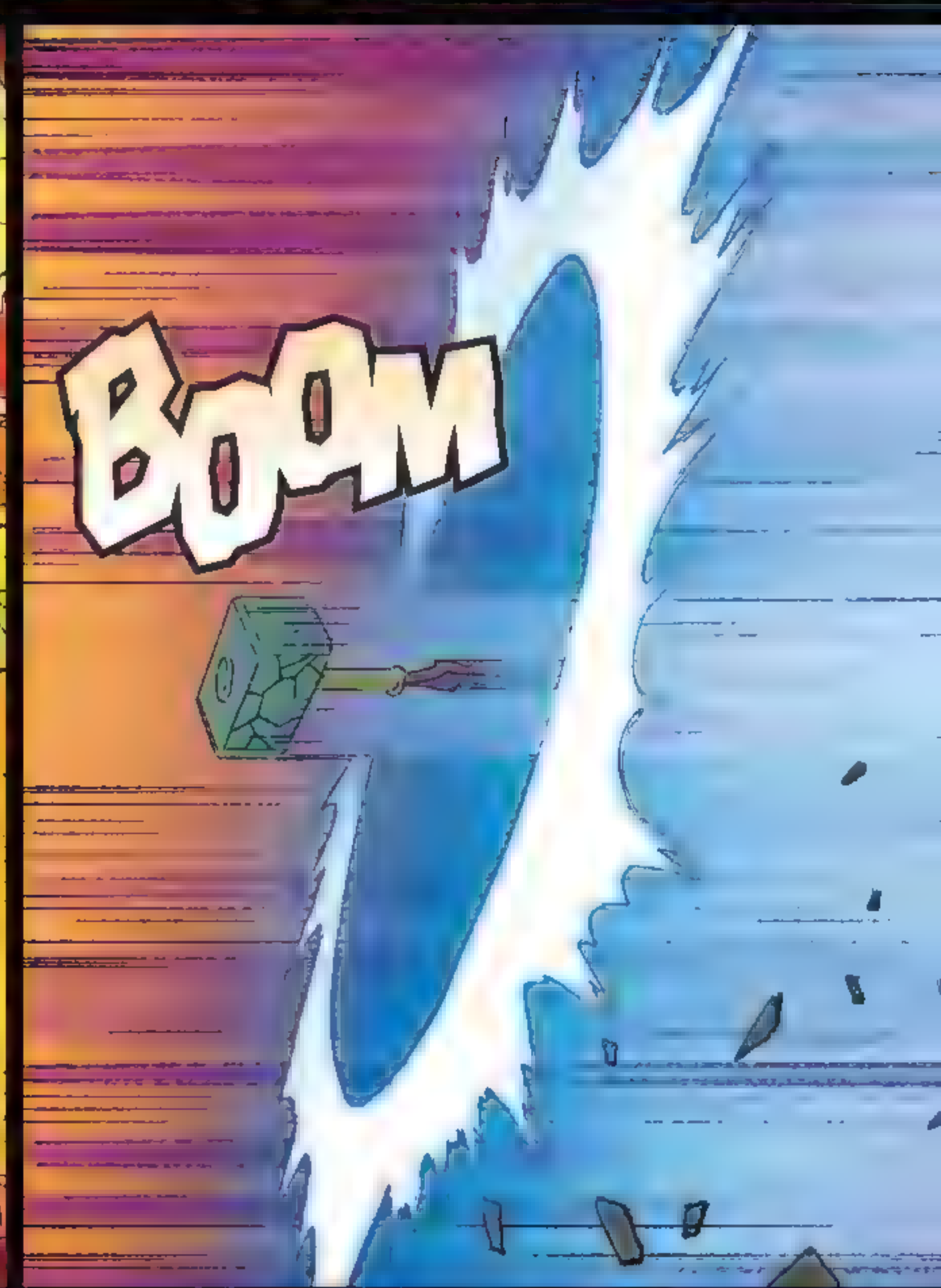
AND IF I TRY TO GO TOE TO TOE WITH THOR OUT THERE...TITAN IS GOING TO COME BACK OUT. AND THEN...THIS ALL ENDS... EVERYTHING.

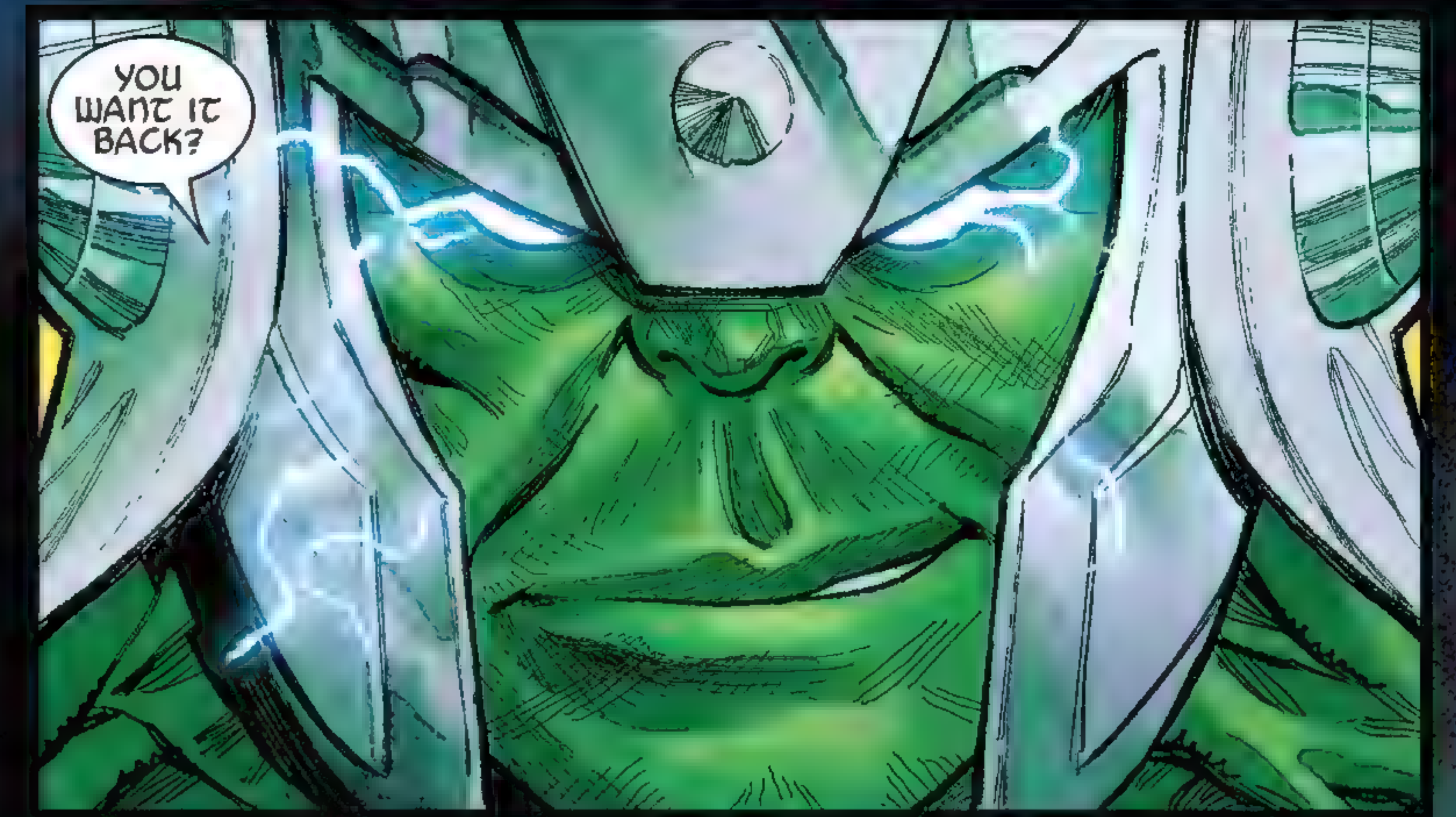


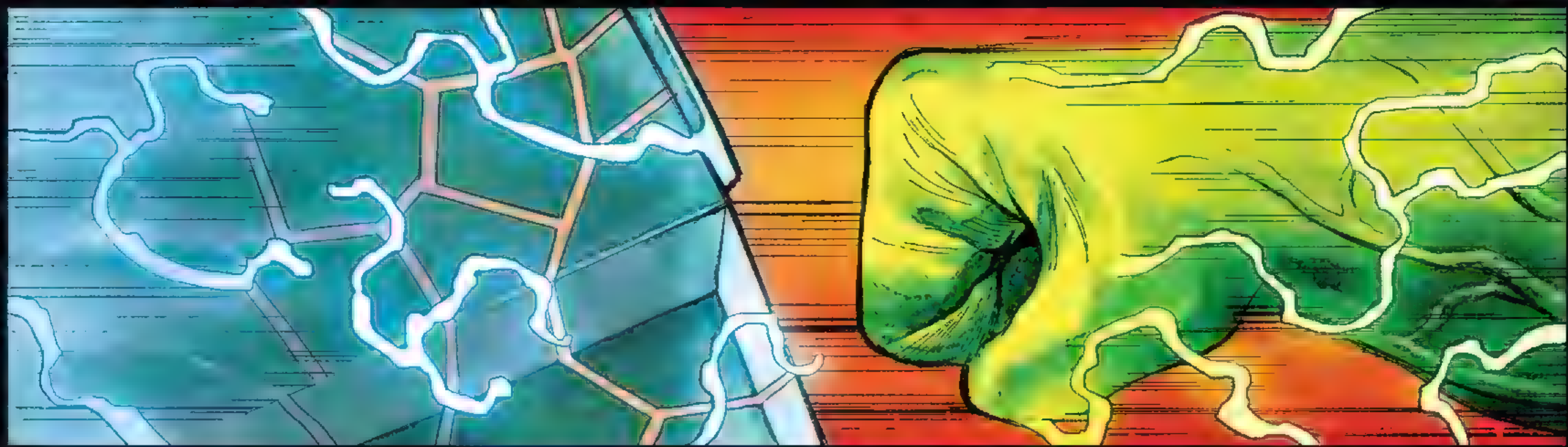
SO...

...ABOUT THAT FAVOR...







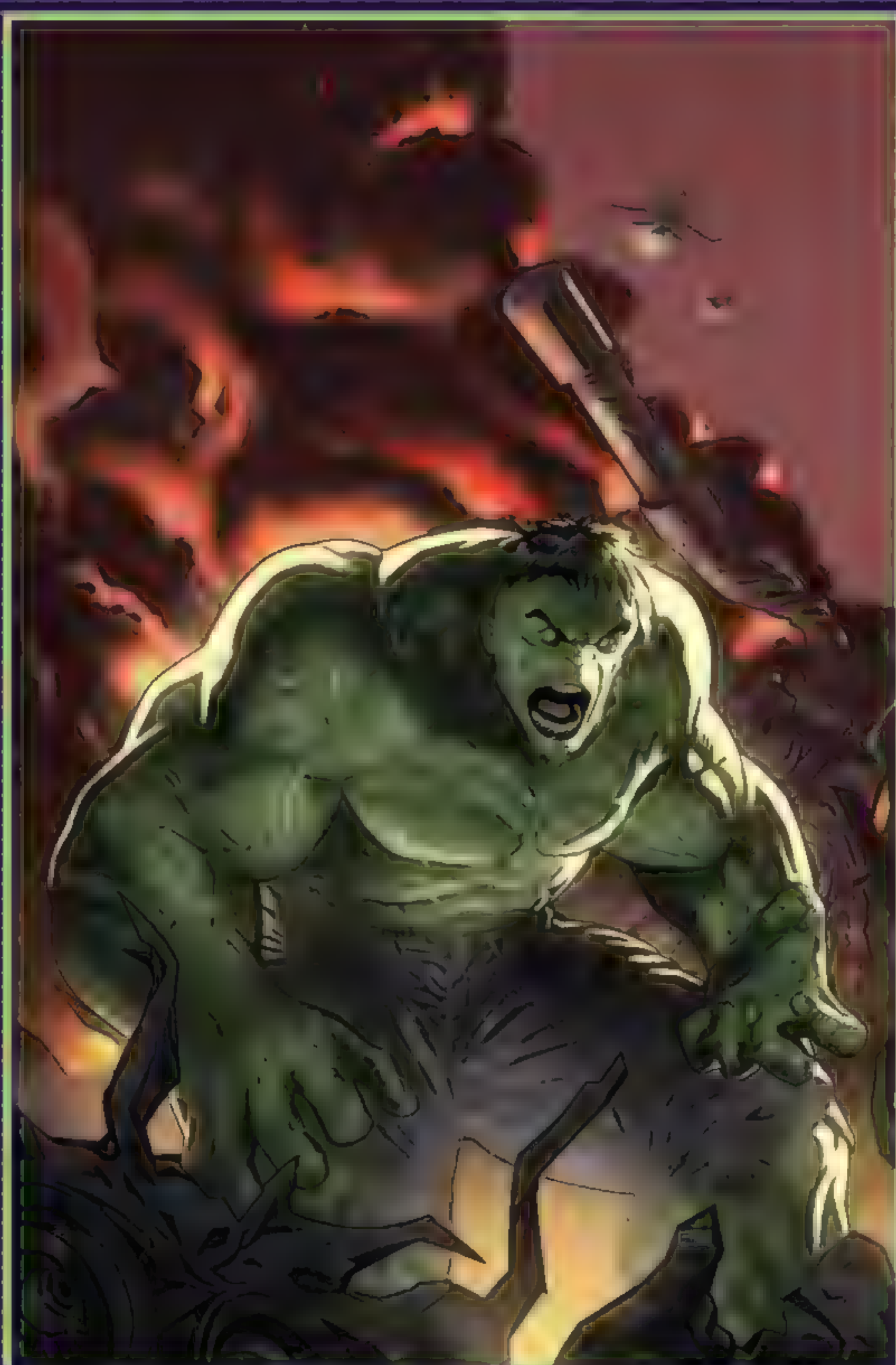




**HULK #7 VARIANT BY
LOGAN LUBERA & RACHELLE ROSENBERG**



THOR #26 VARIANT BY TAURIN CLARKE



HULK #8 VARIANT BY TAURIN CLARKE



HULK #8



THE
QUESTION.

THE QUESTION
ASKED FOR DECADES
PAST AND...SHOULD THE
UNIVERSE SURVIVE
THIS DAY...

...TO BE
DEBATED FOR
CENTURIES TO
COME.

I...AM *UATU*.
SWORN TO WATCH
IN PASSIVE OBSERVATION
AS HISTORY'S GREATEST
MOMENTS UNRAVEL IN
THE FACE OF
ETERNITY.

AND HERE,
I PRESENT TO
YOU...

...THE
QUESTION...

...ANSWERED
AT LAST...

"WHO...IN A BATTLE
TO THE DEATH...
WOULD WIN?"



"THOR, THE GOD
OF THUNDER.
THE ALL-FATHER..."



"OR HULK? THE
STRONGEST ONE
THERE IS. THE
WORLD BREAKER."

"TODAY, THAT QUESTION
WILL BE ANSWERED..."

BANNER!
GET US TO
ASGARD!

YOU KEEP
SAYING THAT LIKE I CAN
JUST FLY US THERE! HOW
CAN I GET THERE IF THOR
JUST BROKE YOUR
RAINBOW BRIDGE?

BESIDES,
NOT SURE IF
YOU NOTICED...



"...HOWEVER, AS
WITH ALL THINGS..."

...I'M
A LITTLE
OCCUPIED!



YOU DON'T
REALLY THINK I'VE
GIVEN MJOLNIR TO
YOU SO THAT YOU
CAN STRUT ABOUT
IN ARMOR AND
LIGHTNING,
DO YOU?

BELIEVE IT
OR NOT, BANNER,
MY SON OFTEN HOLDS
BACK DISPLAYING THE
SHEER SCOPE OF
MJOLNIR'S POWER.

BUT I...
AM NOT MY
SON.



"...THE ANSWER
WILL COME..."



"BEHOLD!!!"

"...WITH A
PRICE."

"THE BIFROST
MAY BE GONE,
AYE..."

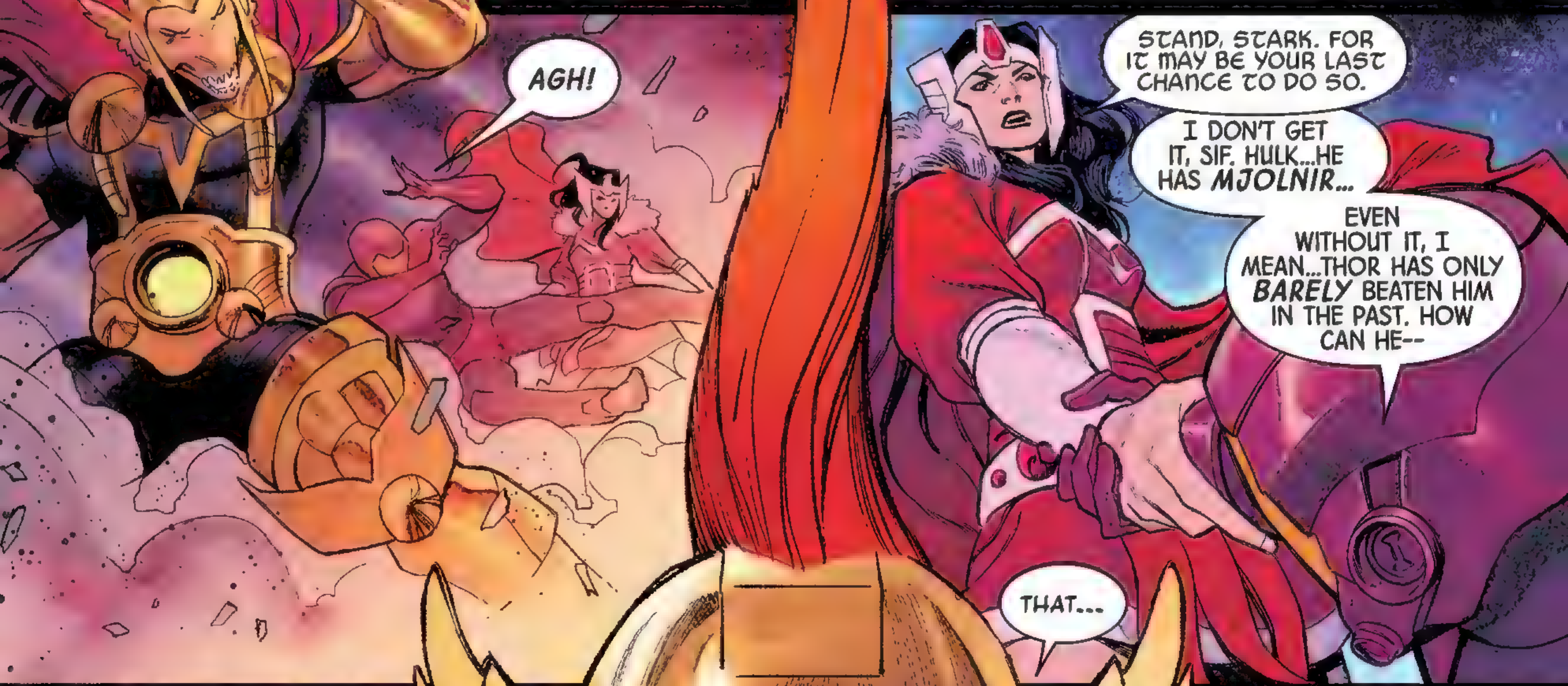
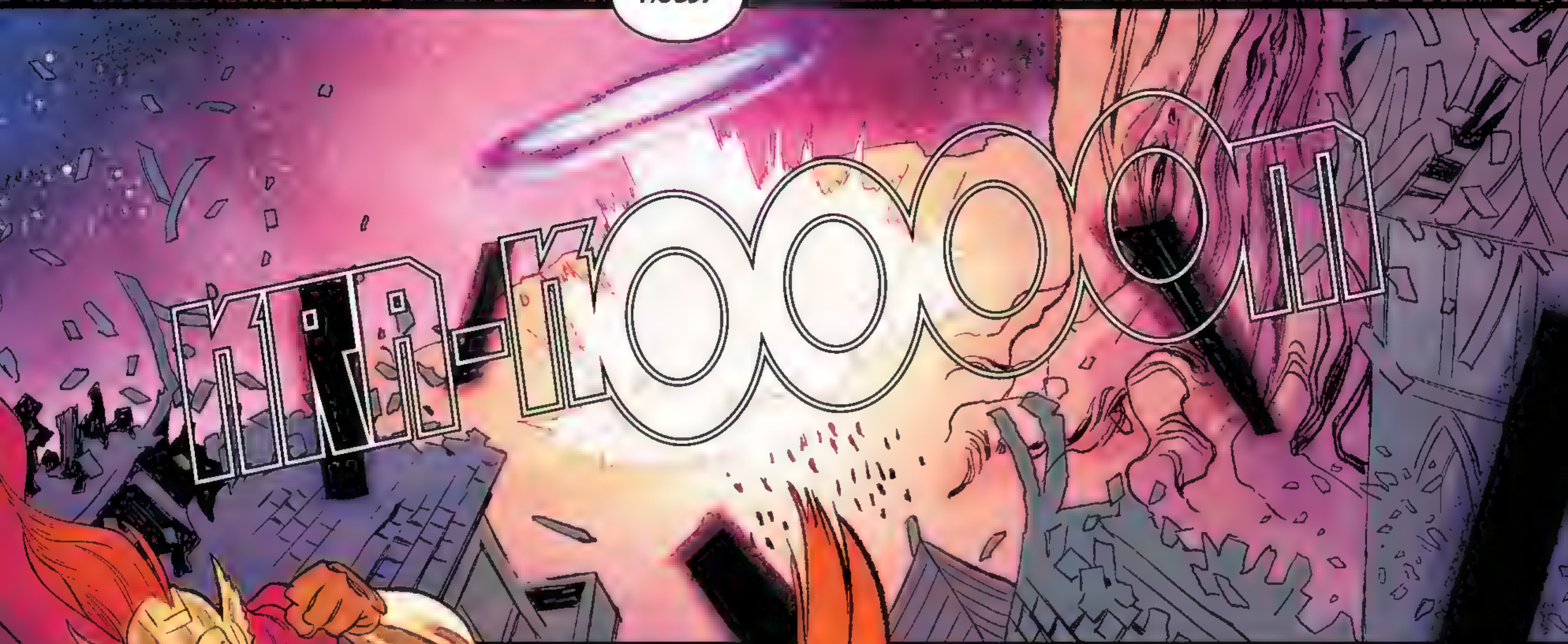


"BUT
ASGARD..."

"...ASGARD
REMAINS."



HOLD!



THAT...



THE HULK HAS NEVER FOUGHT THOR. ...IS UNTRUE.

NOT THE REAL THOR...



BUT DO NOT FORGET...

...THERE WAS A REASON THOR WAS CAST DOWN TO MIDGARD.

TO LEARN HUMILITY. TO LEARN HONOR.

TO LEARN TO WIELD HIS POWER...WITH MERCY.

"IN THE PAST, WHEN THEY HAVE FOUGHT..."

"...HULK FACED THE AVENGER. THE HUMBLE AND NOBLE THOR."

"BUT NOW...HULK FACES NOT JUST THE MIRROR OF HIS OWN RAGE..."

"...BUT A RAGE THAT HAS BEEN HELD BACK FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS."

"A POWER... THIS WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN."

"IN THE PAST, WHEN THEY HAVE CLASHED... THOR BELIEVED, TRULY IN HIS HEART, THAT SOMEWHERE INSIDE OF THE HULK..."

...THERE WAS A MAN. AN ALLY. A WARRIOR WORTHY OF FORGIVENESS.

"OF MERCY."

"BUT NOW...IF THOR IS TRULY UNLEASHED... IF HE SEES NO MAN INSIDE OF THAT BEAST..."

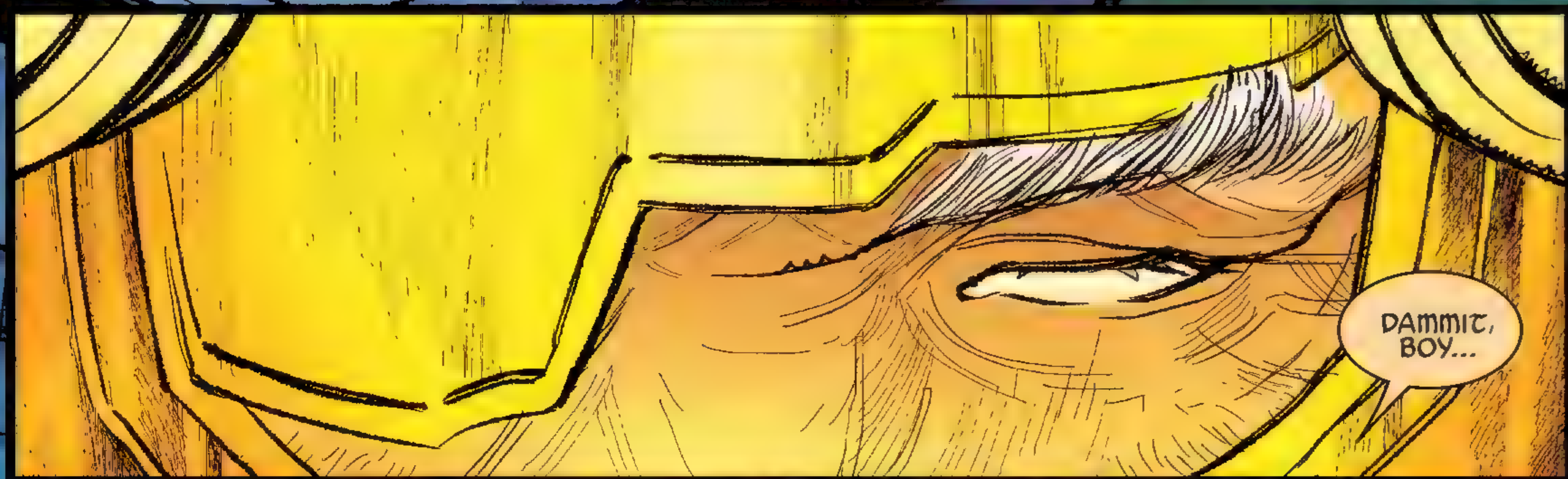




"...HULK WILL FINALLY LEARN..."

"...WHAT IT IS TO FIGHT A GOD..."

AGHH!!!



DAMMIT, BOY...



RAGHHHH!!!



"THERE! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!"

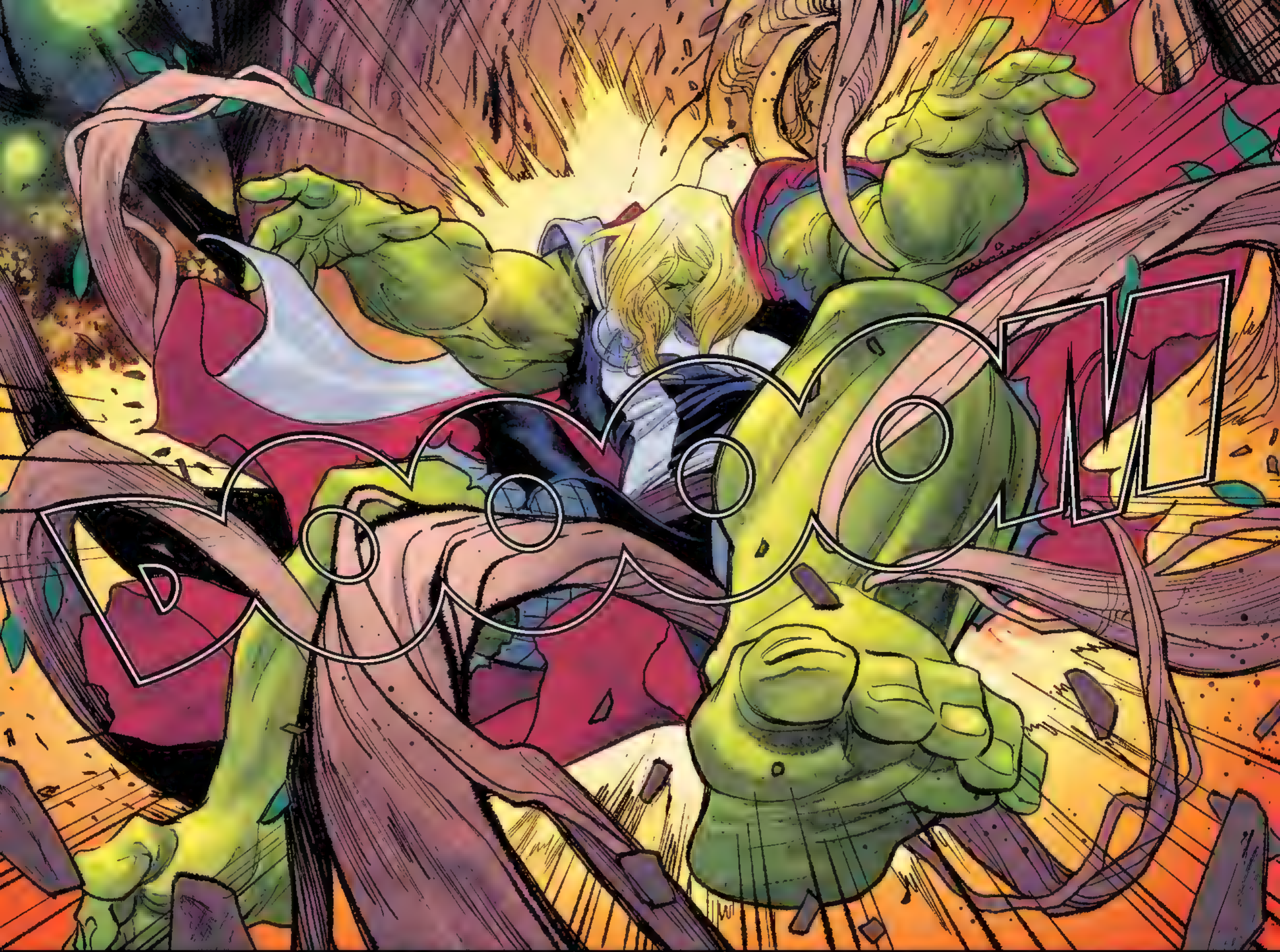


PUSH HIM INTO YGGDRASIL.
THE WORLD TREE WILL BURN THIS MADNESS OUT OF HIM.



RAAAAGHHH!!!
THOR SM--





OKAY...I, UH...I
PUSHED HIM INTO
THE TREE.

IS THAT...
IT? IS IT OVER?
OR--?

YOU...YOUR
MONSTER. IT IS
FUELED BY RAGE.
YOU SAID IT
YOURSELF.

AND YET HERE
YOU ARE--IN CONTROL
OF THAT MADNESS. YOU
HAVE LEARNED TO CAGE IT. TO
LET IT FUEL YOU INSTEAD
OF CONTROL YOU...

FOR NOW.
YES. BUT YOU
DIDN'T ANSWER
MY--

YOUR
BATTLE MAY
BE OVER...

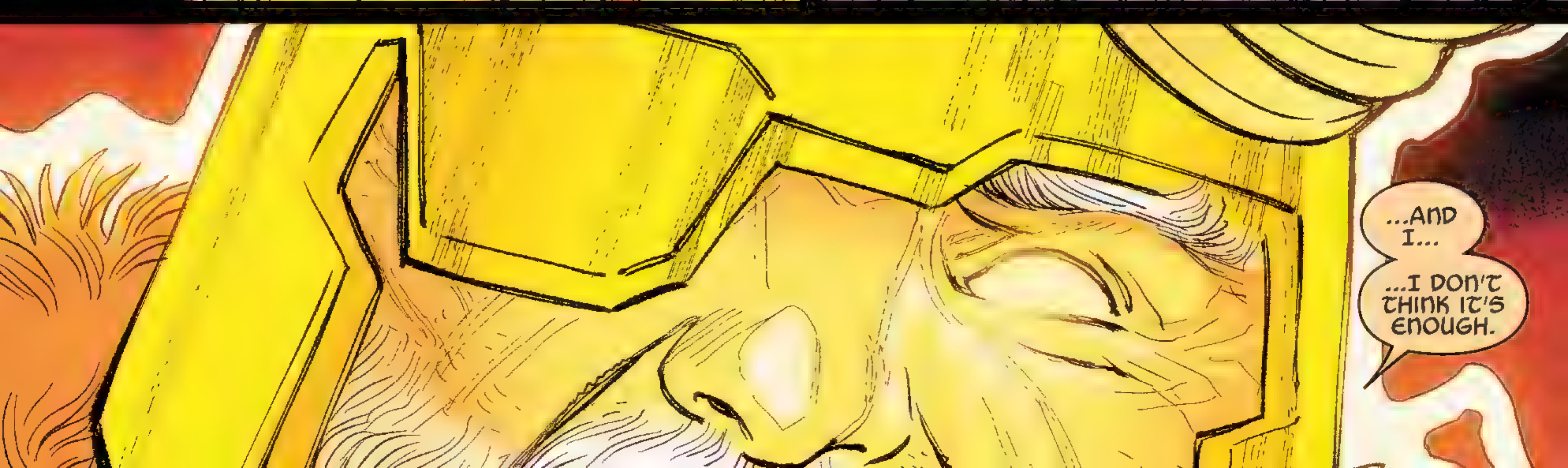


"...BUT FOR **THOR**...RIGHT NOW WE ARE
USING THE UNITED POWER OF **EVERY**
REALM IN THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
UNIVERSE TO **CAGE** HIS MADNESS...

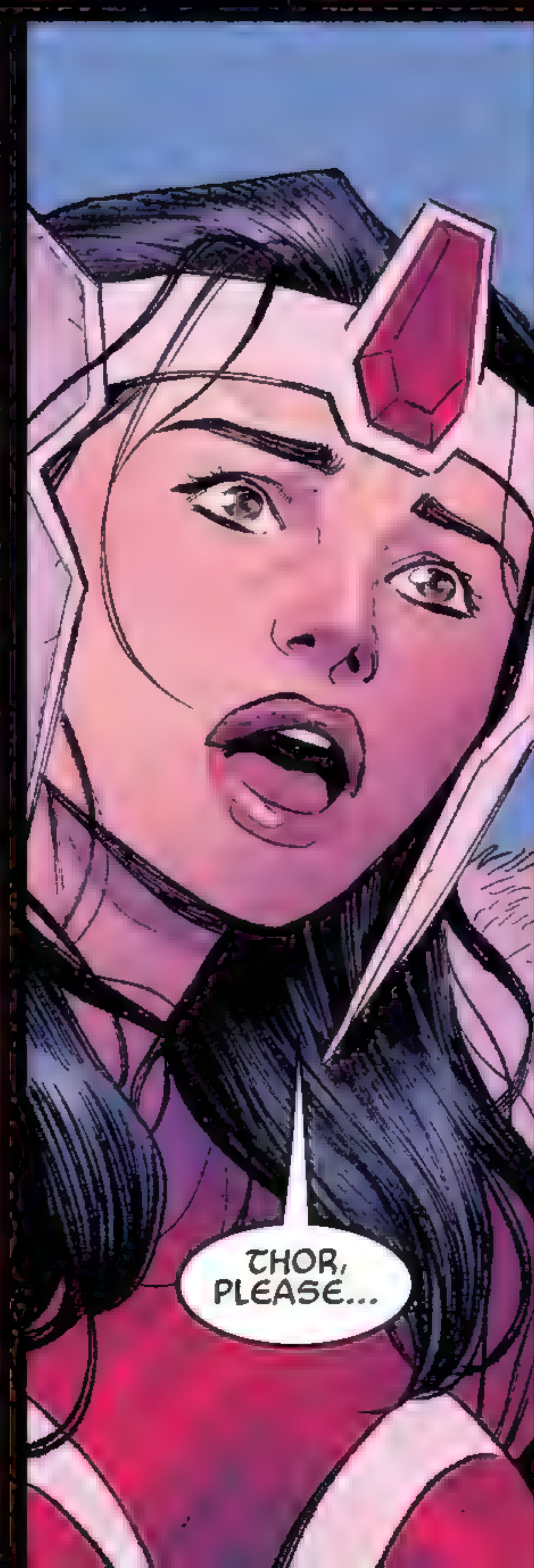
"ALL OF THE VOICES OF
THE ELDERS WHISPERING
TO HIM, GUIDING HIM BACK
TO THE GOD THAT HE IS...

"ALL OF THE MAGICS AND
ENCHANTMENTS KNOWN
TO THE RUNES AND FATES
TO LEECH THIS FURY
FROM HIS SOUL...

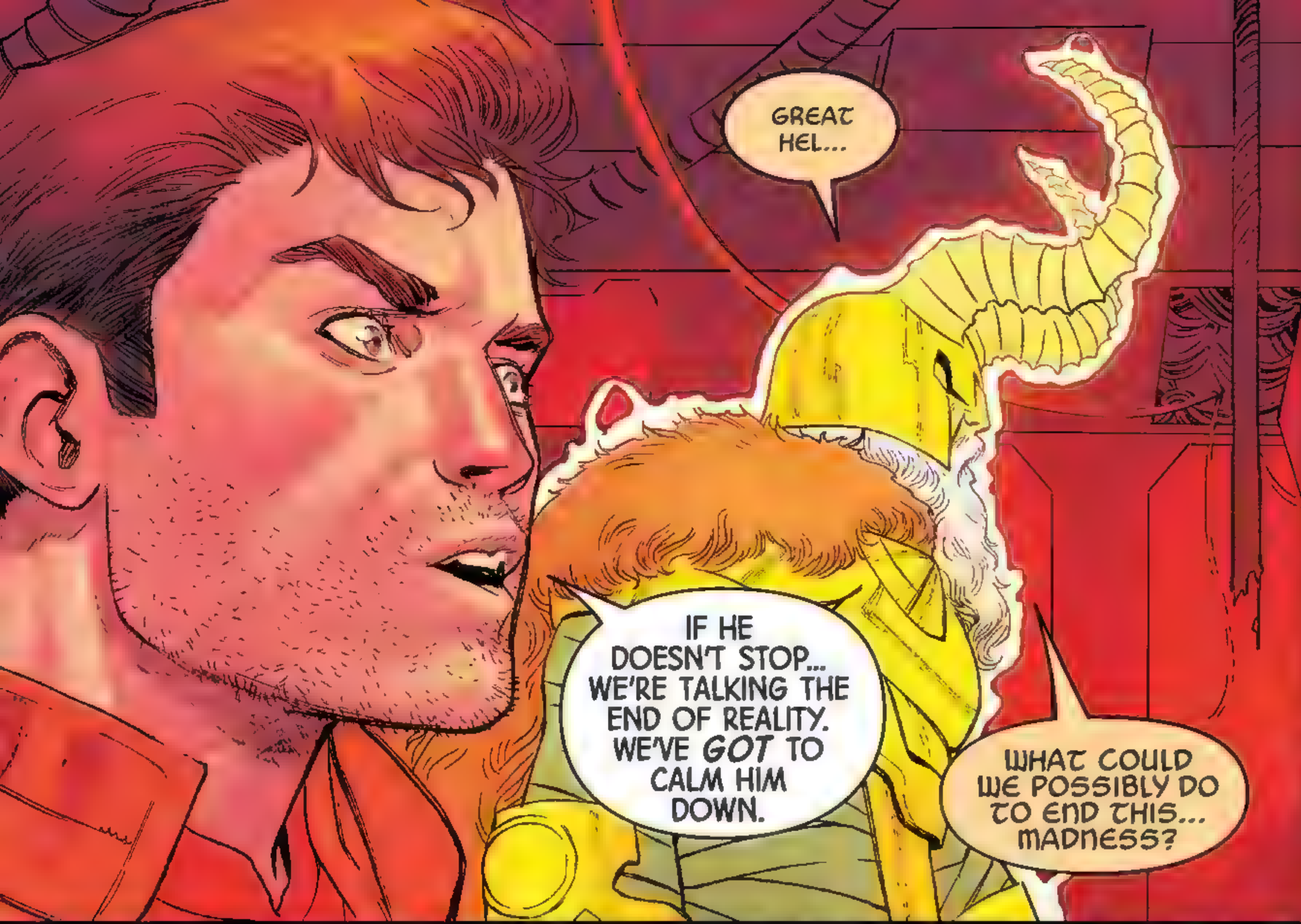
"ALL OF THIS..."



...AND
I...
...I DON'T
THINK IT'S
ENOUGH.







GREAT
HEL...

IF HE
DOESN'T STOP...
WE'RE TALKING THE
END OF REALITY.
WE'VE GOT TO
CALM HIM
DOWN.

WHAT COULD
WE POSSIBLY DO
TO END THIS...
MADNESS?



IT MIGHT
BE TIME FOR
LESS FORCE...



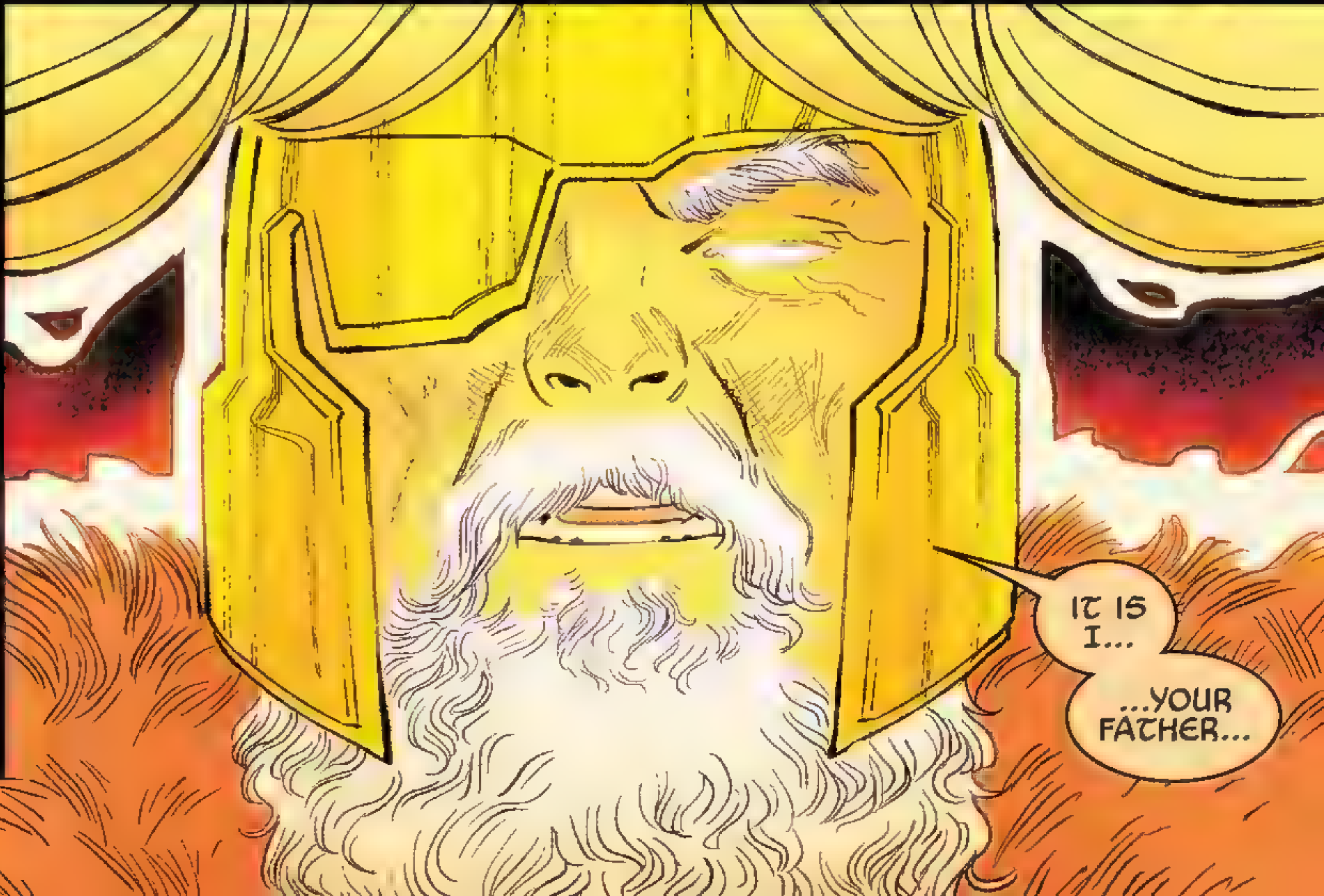
"...AND MORE
WORDS."

GRAHHHGGG!

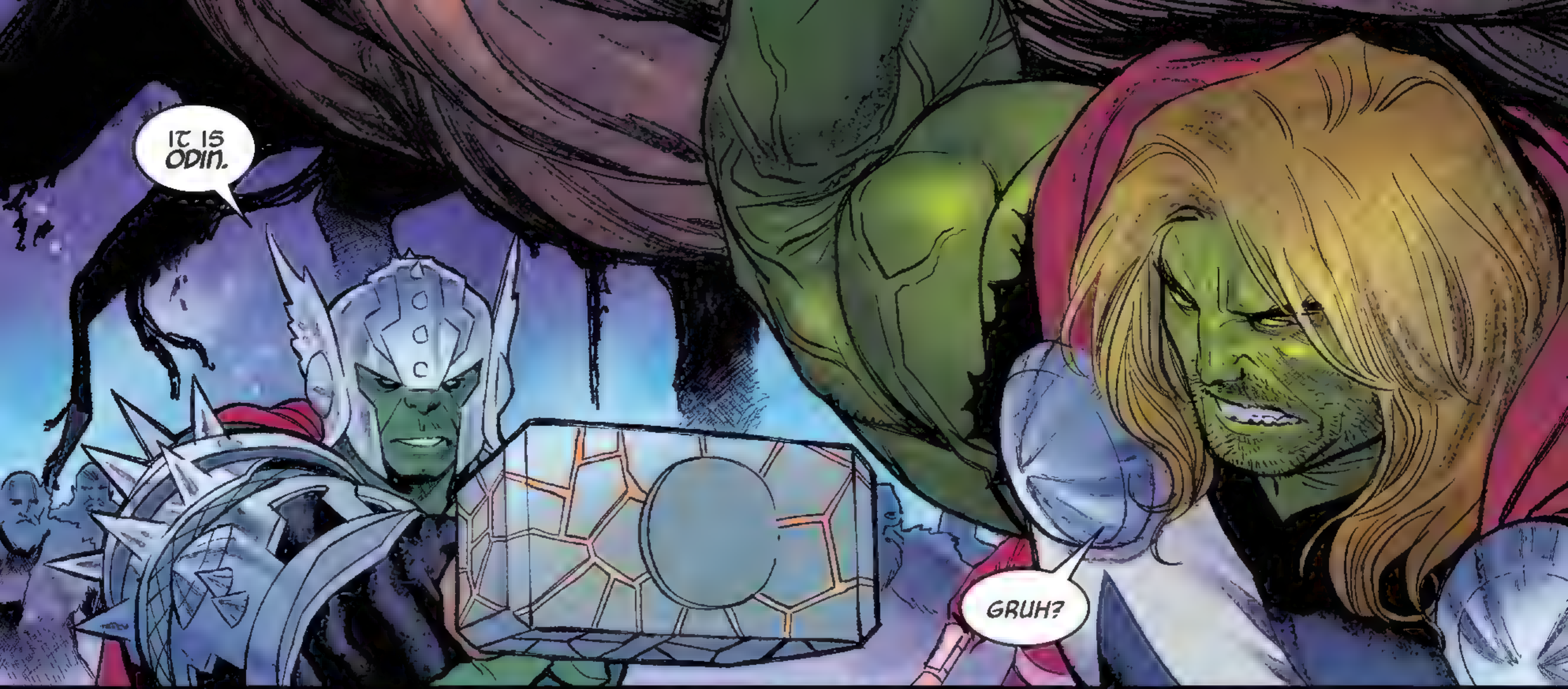
UWA UWA UWA



my
son!



IT IS
I...
...YOUR
FATHER...

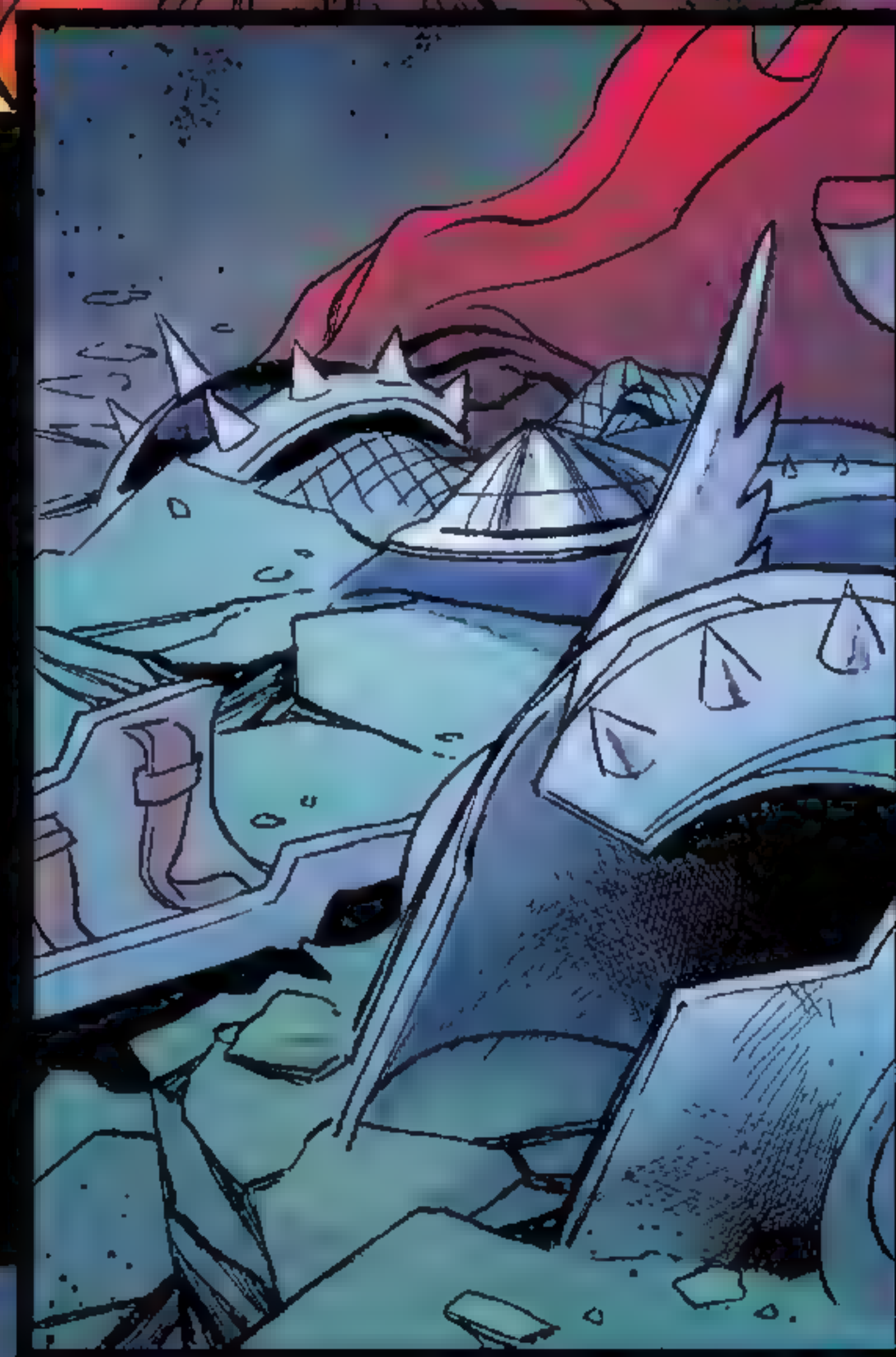
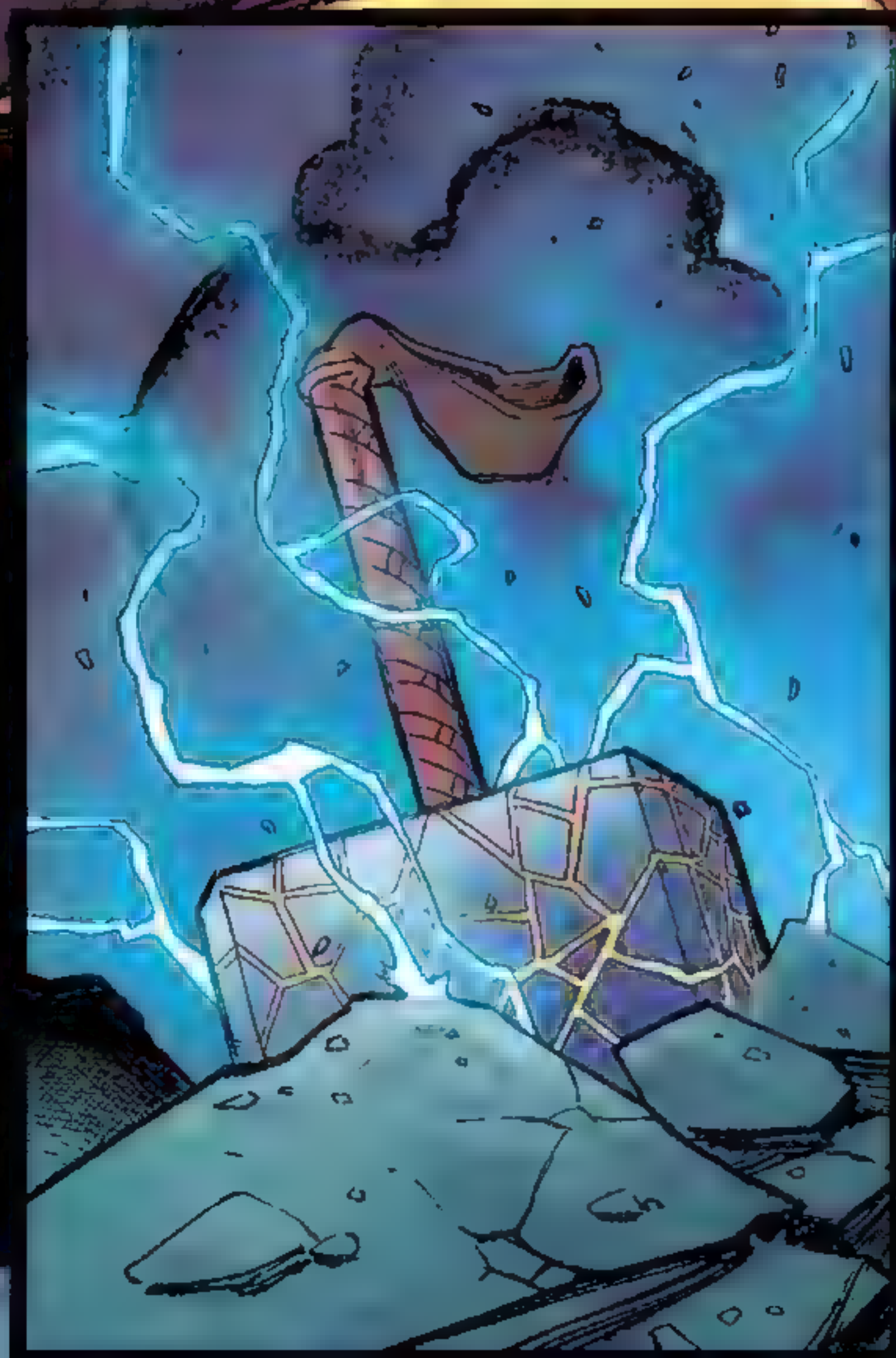
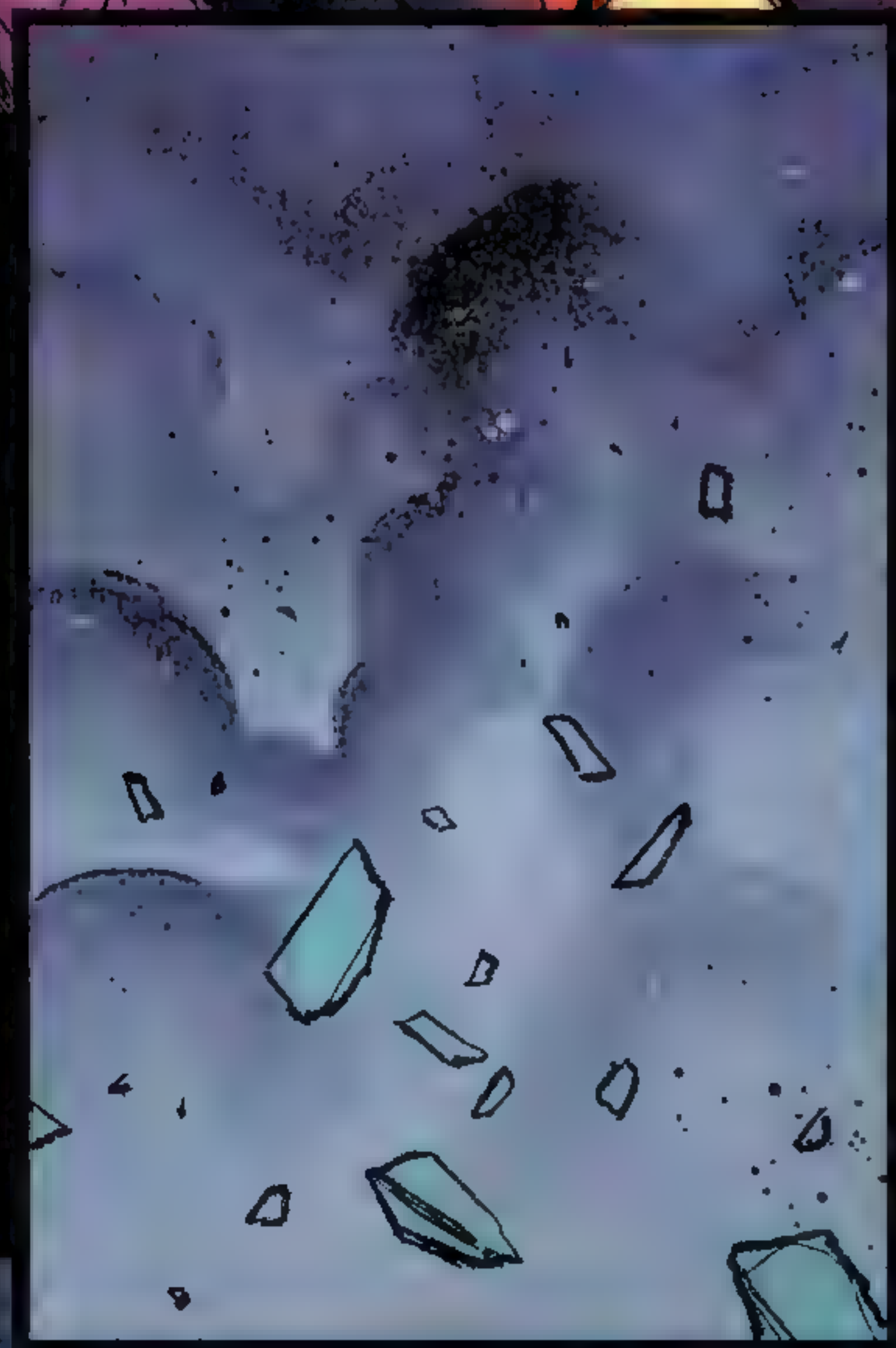




AND RELIEVE
THEM OF THEIR
WOES.



UNH!



"THAT BLAST, IT KNOCKED ME RIGHT OUT. WHAT HAPPENED IN THERE, THOR? WHERE IS HULK?"

"FRIEND STARK, THE MAGIC WITHIN MJOLNIR WAS ABLE TO REMOVE MY GAMMA AND RESTORE THE WORLD TREE."



"BUT THE RESULTING EXPLOSION OF ENERGY WAS TOO MUCH FOR ALL BUT A GOD TO WITHSTAND..."

A full-page comic book illustration. Thor, with long blonde hair and wearing a red cape and a spiked collar, stands in the upper half of the frame. He holds his hammer, Mjolnir, in his right hand, with bright blue lightning bolts striking it and radiating outwards. Below him, the Hulk is shown from the chest up, lying on his back. The Hulk's green skin is splattered with mechanical oil and debris. Several mechanical arms and components of a machine are positioned around the Hulk's head and torso. The background is a dark, stormy sky with more lightning bolts. The overall color palette is dominated by the red of Thor's cape, the green of the Hulk, and the blue of the lightning.

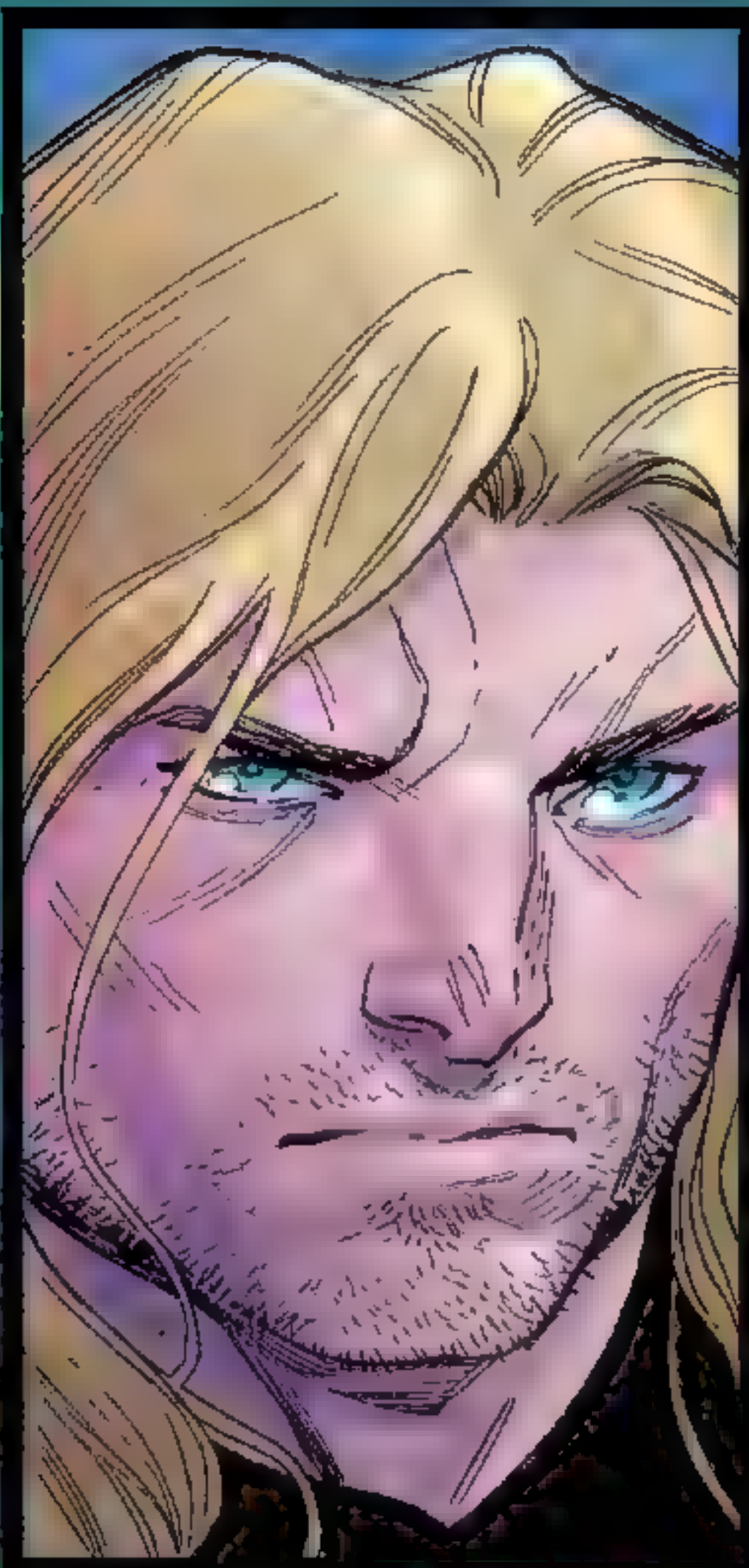
"SO THAT
MEANS--"

"YES."

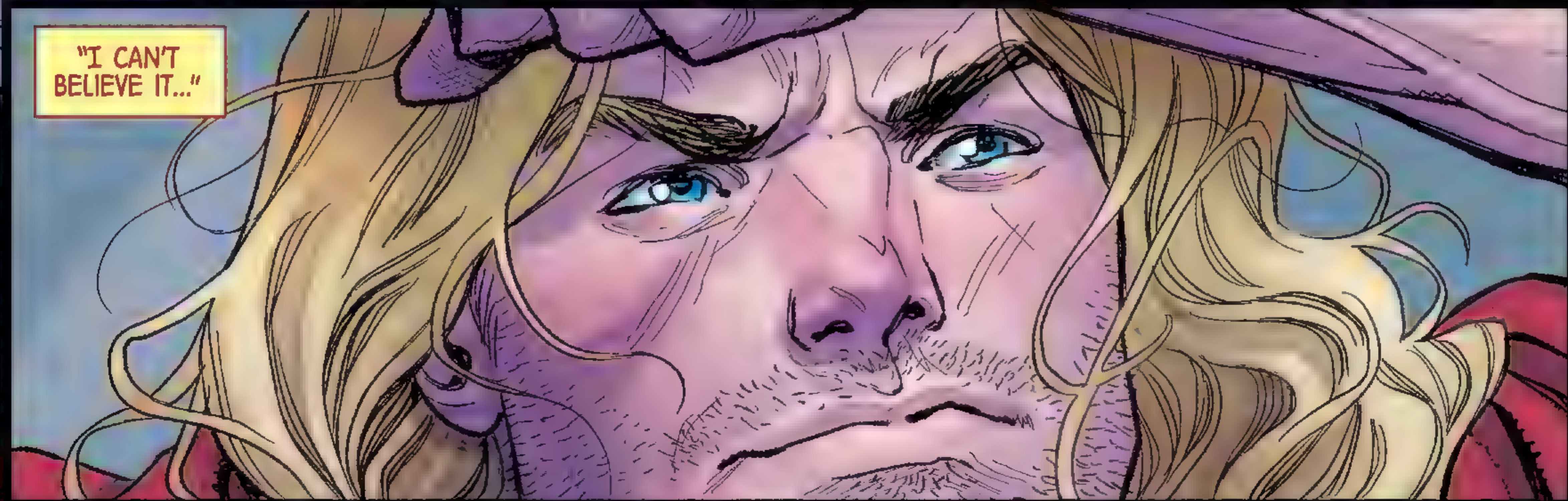
"BRUCE
BANNER..."

A close-up inset panel showing the Hulk's face inside the Iron Man helmet. The Hulk's green skin is visible through the helmet's visor area. He has a determined, slightly grimacing expression. The helmet's mechanical details, including a red light bar above the eyes, are visible.

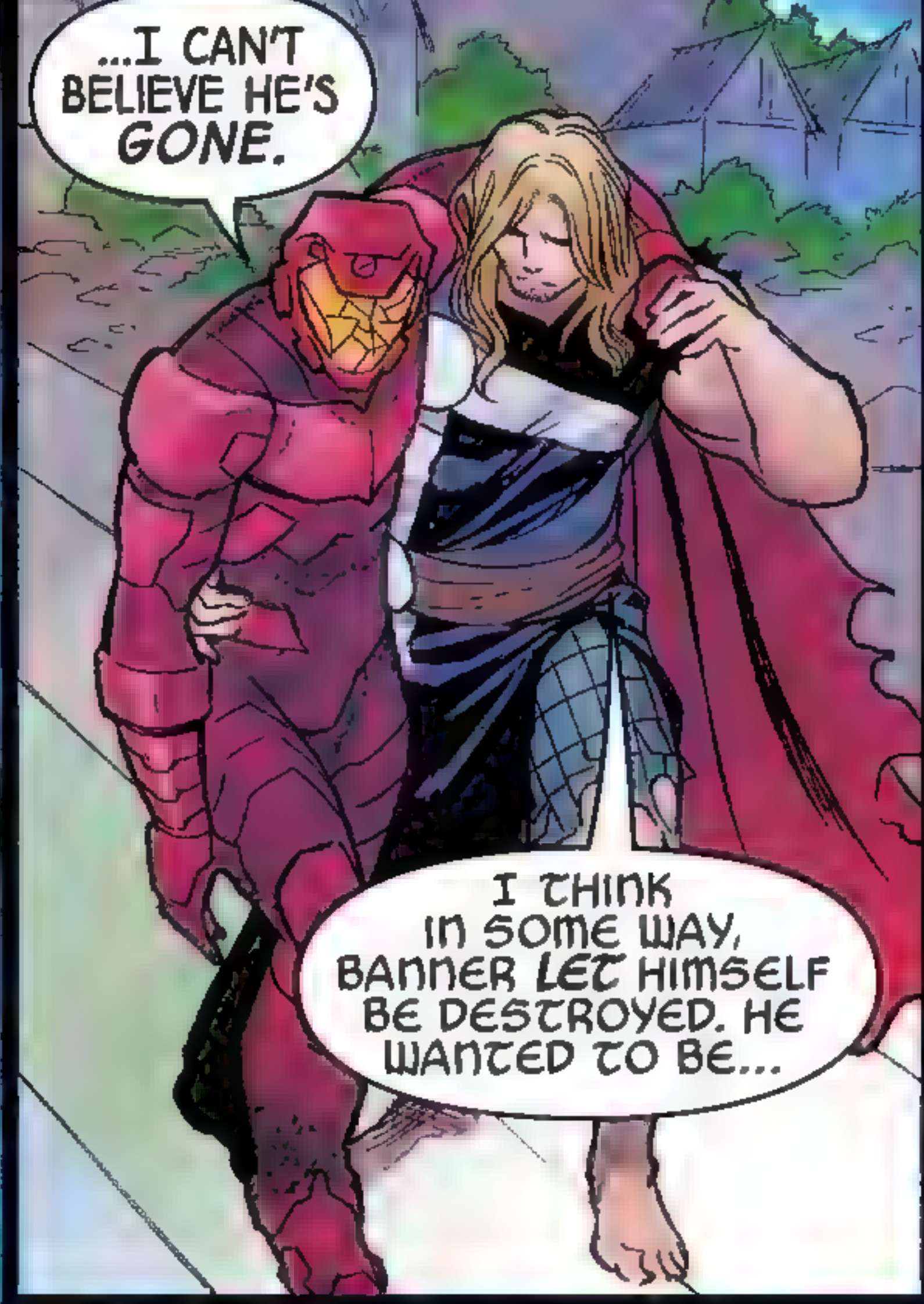
"...THE HULK..."



"...IS
DEAD."



"I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT..."



...I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S GONE.

I THINK IN SOME WAY, BANNER LET HIMSELF BE DESTROYED. HE WANTED TO BE...



...FREE.

AND I WANT TO BE HOME.



CRACK



AND SO YOU SHALL BE, MY FRIEND.

SAFE TRAVELS, TONY.



AAAWAAH!!



SO? WHERE IS HE?



FAR FROM HERE. WHERE HE IS GOING, EVEN I CANNOT SEE.

THOR, SHOULD YOU REALLY HAVE LET HIM GO?

BANNER IS NOT TO BLAME FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN EL PASO. BUT HE KNOWS THE WORLD WOULD FOREVER DOUBT HIS INNOCENCE...

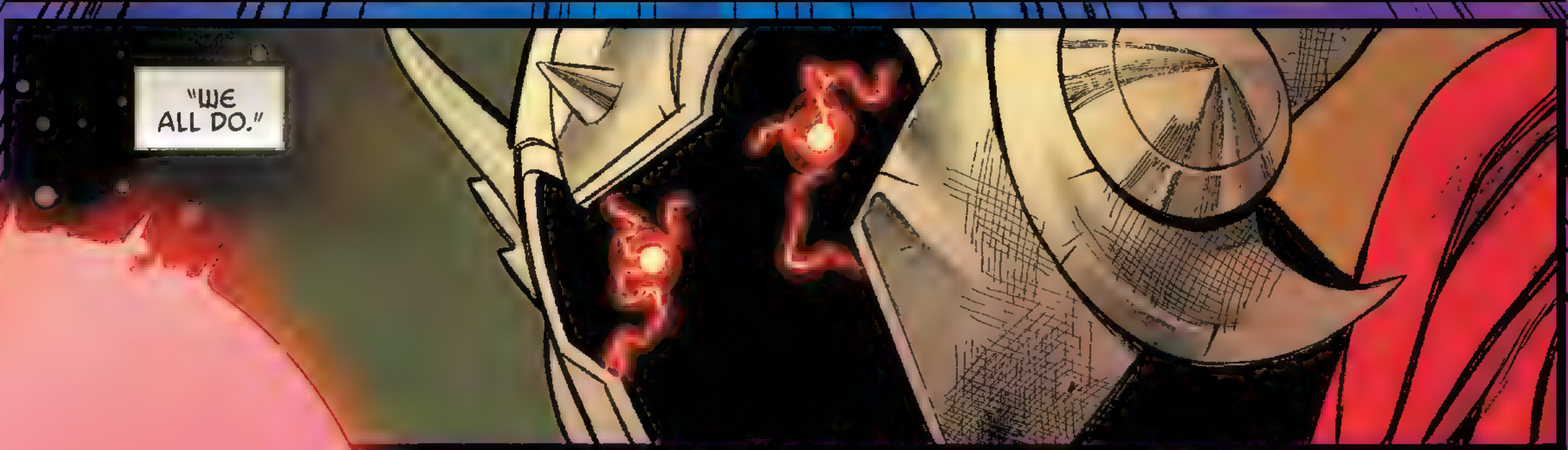
I HAVE LIVED BEHIND BANNER'S EYES, SIF. I HAVE FELT HIS RAGE AND HIS PAIN.



"I SHARE
IN THOSE
THINGS MORE
THAN I WISH.



"SO I MUST RESPECT
HIS WILL. AND MAYBE
SOMEDAY...HE SHALL
FIND HEALING AS WELL.
HE DESERVES IT.



"WE
ALL DO."





THIS IS SO
STUPID.



THIS IS
THE PROCESS.
**TRUST THE
PROCESS.**



THIS IS
INANE, SAMSON!
I DON'T NEED
THIS.

**I'M
FINE!**



BRUCE.

YOU TURNED YOUR *ID* INTO A
SPACESHIP AND LOCKED YOUR
ANGER ISSUES AWAY INTO A *BLAST
FURNACE* AND ABUSED YOUR FORMER
CHILD SELF SO MUCH THAT THE HULK
HULKED OUT INTO AN *UNSTOPPABLE
KILLING MACHINE* THAT YOUR
SUBCONSCIOUS HAS
NICKNAMED "*TITAN*."

DOES
THAT SOUND
"FINE" TO
YOU?



IT--AGH--SOUNDS
PRETTY PAR FOR THE
COURSE, ACTUALLY.

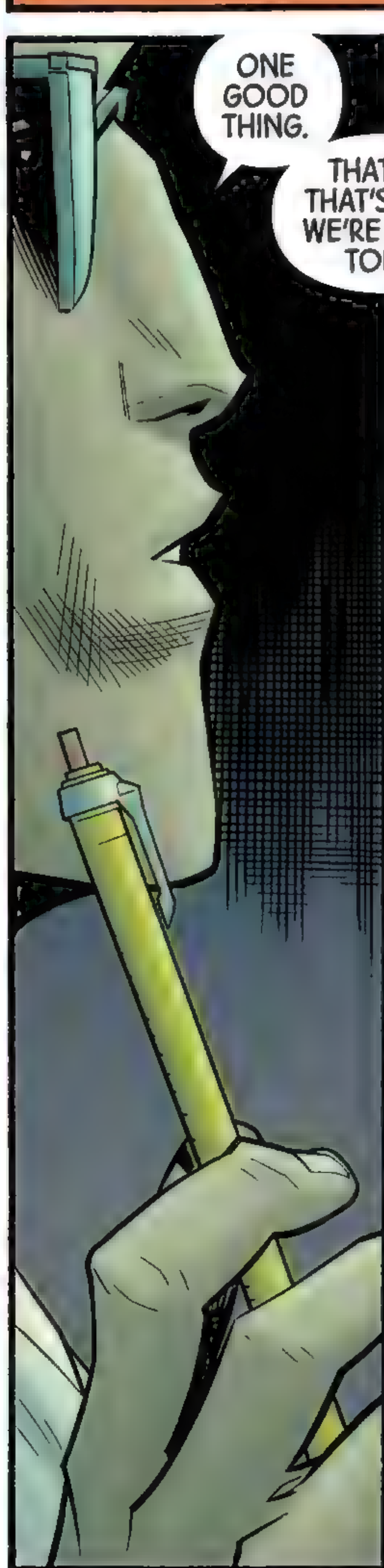
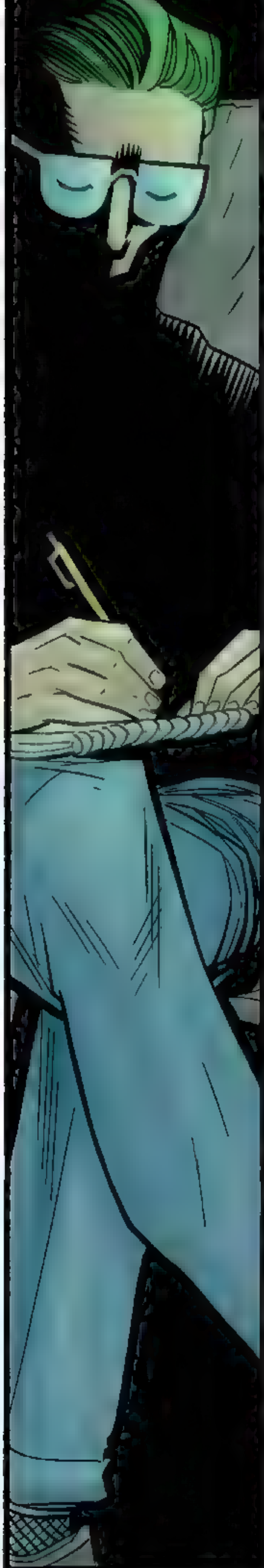
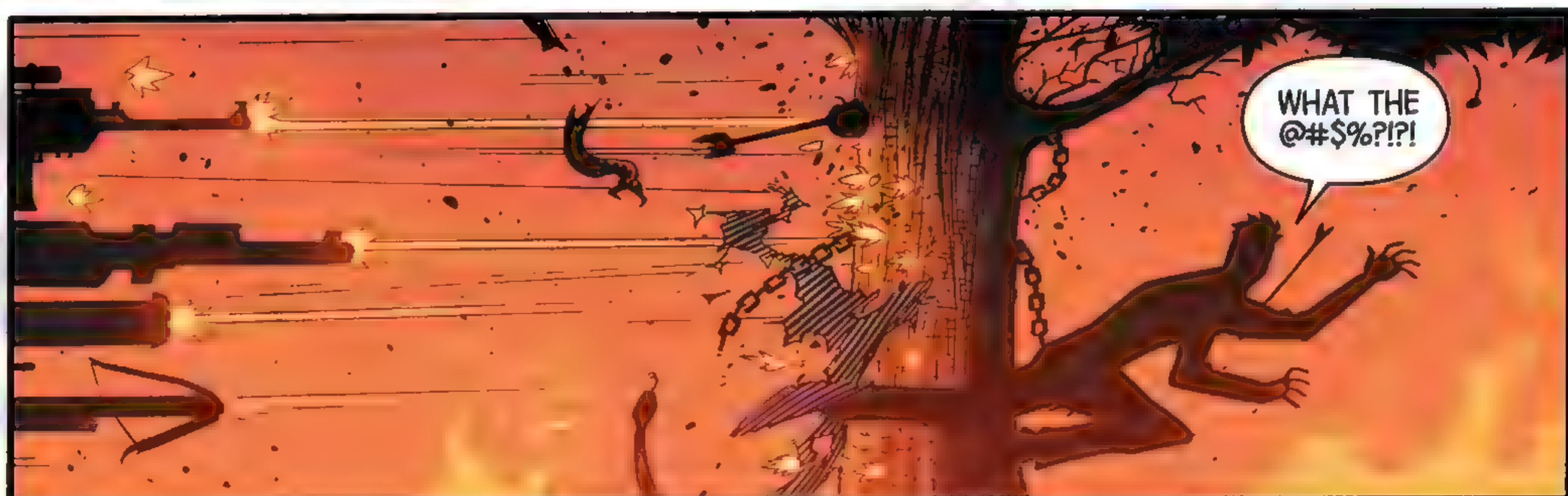
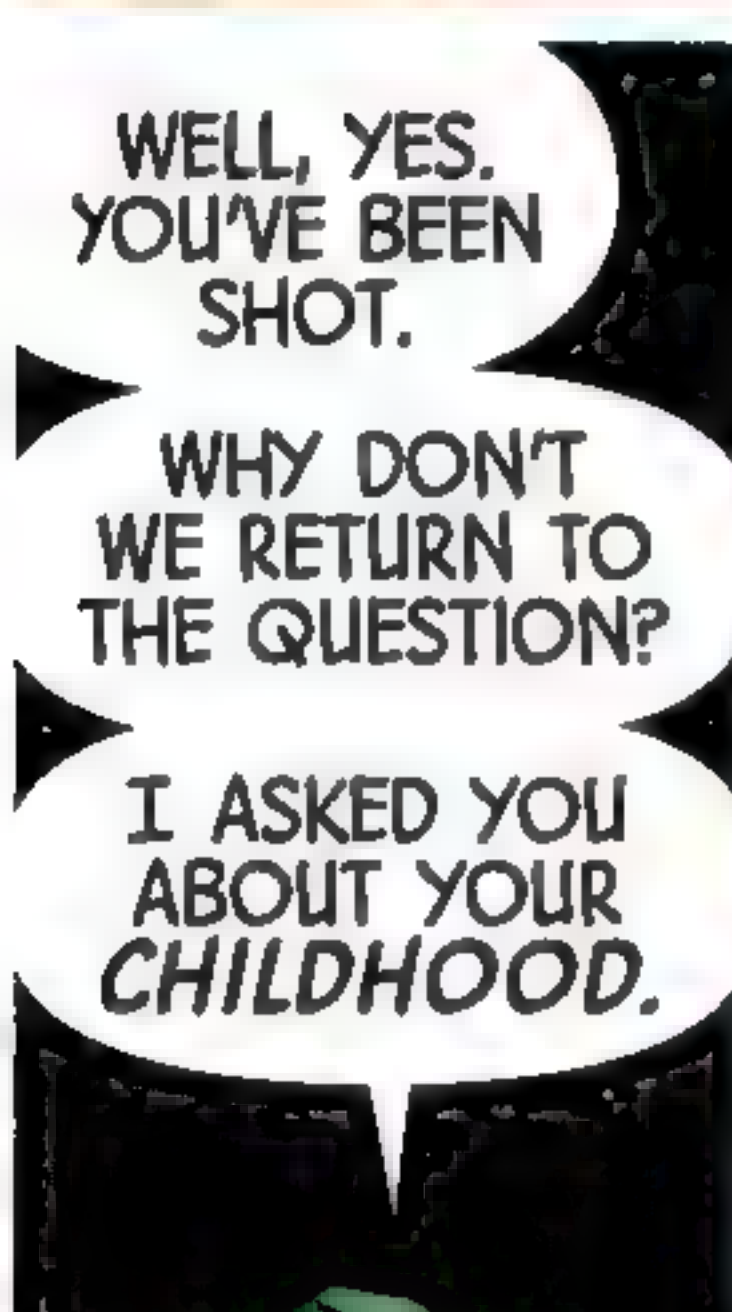
NOW LET
ME OUT OF
HERE!

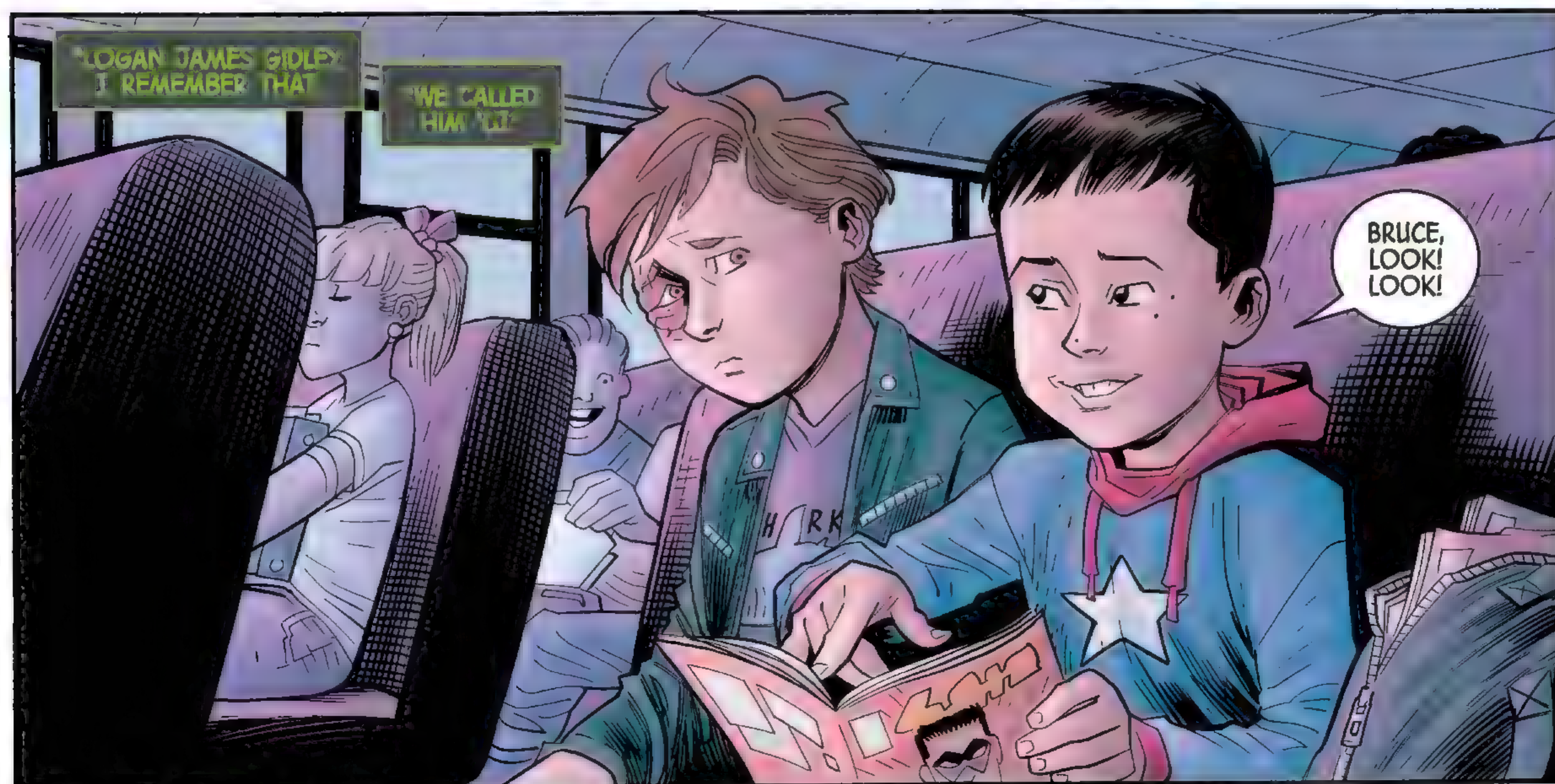
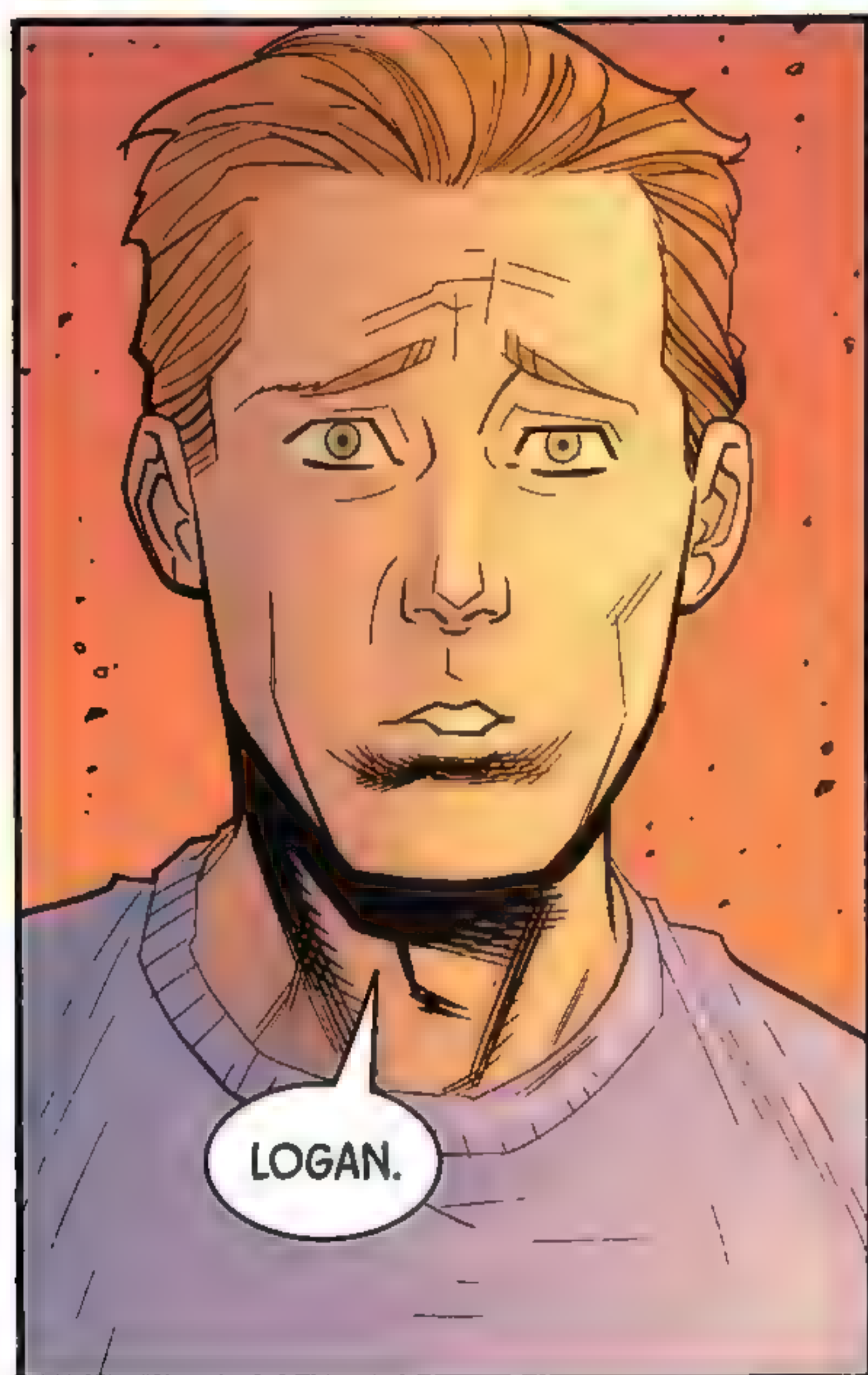


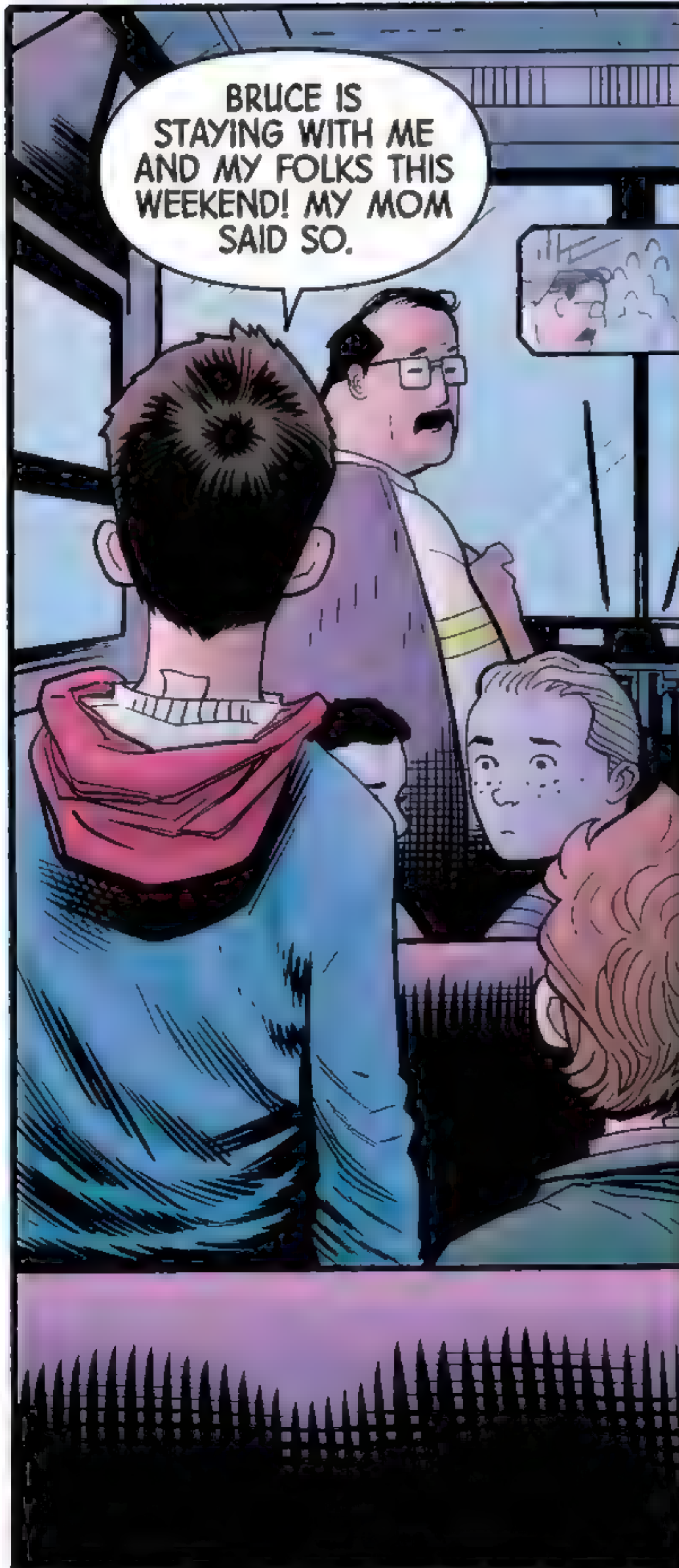
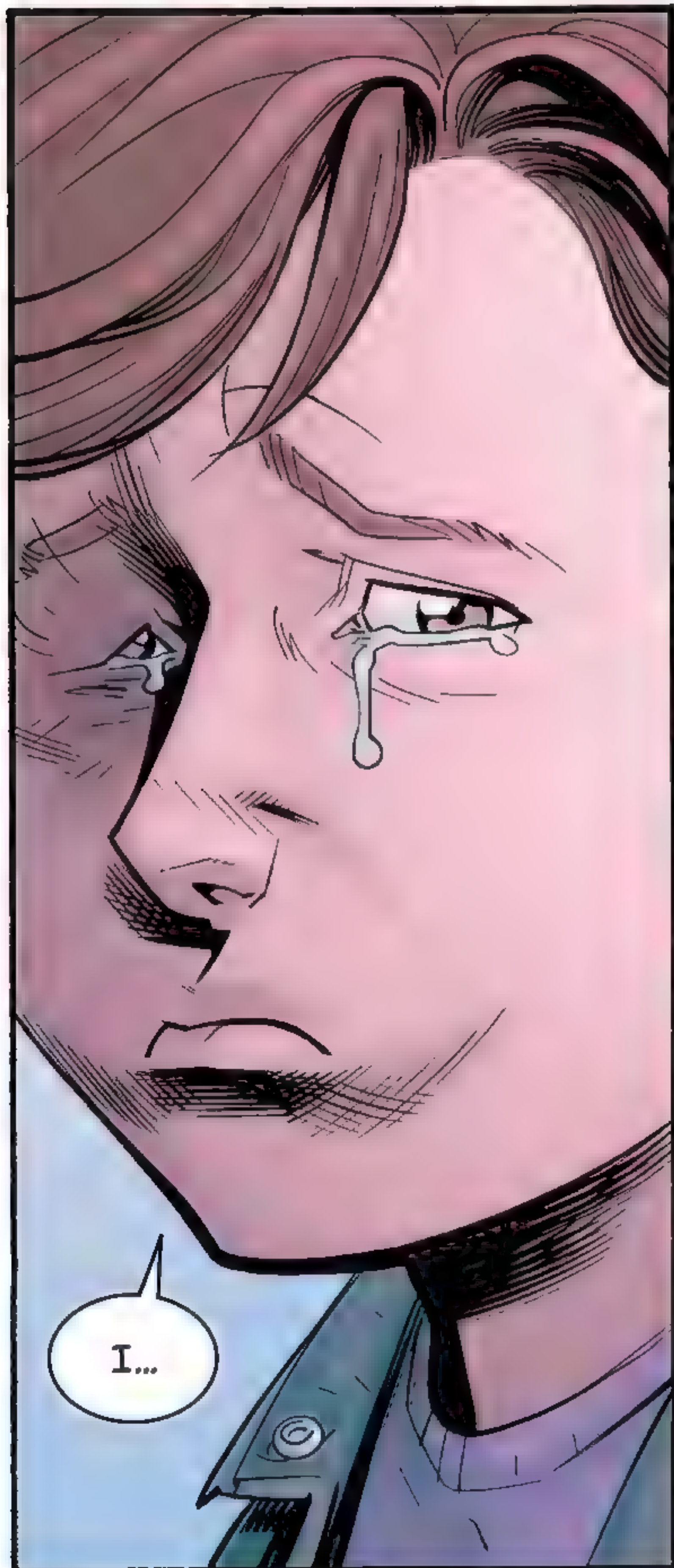
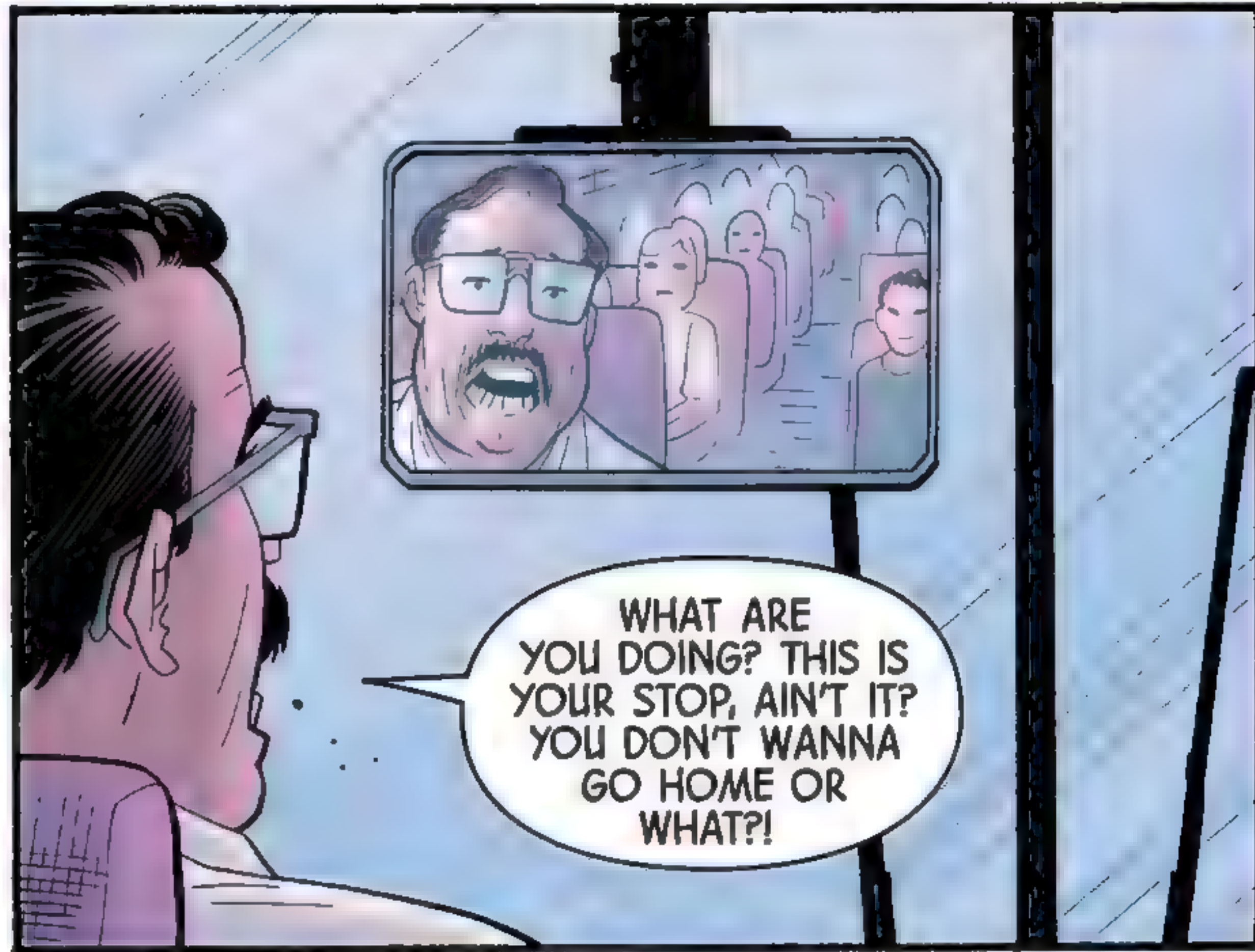
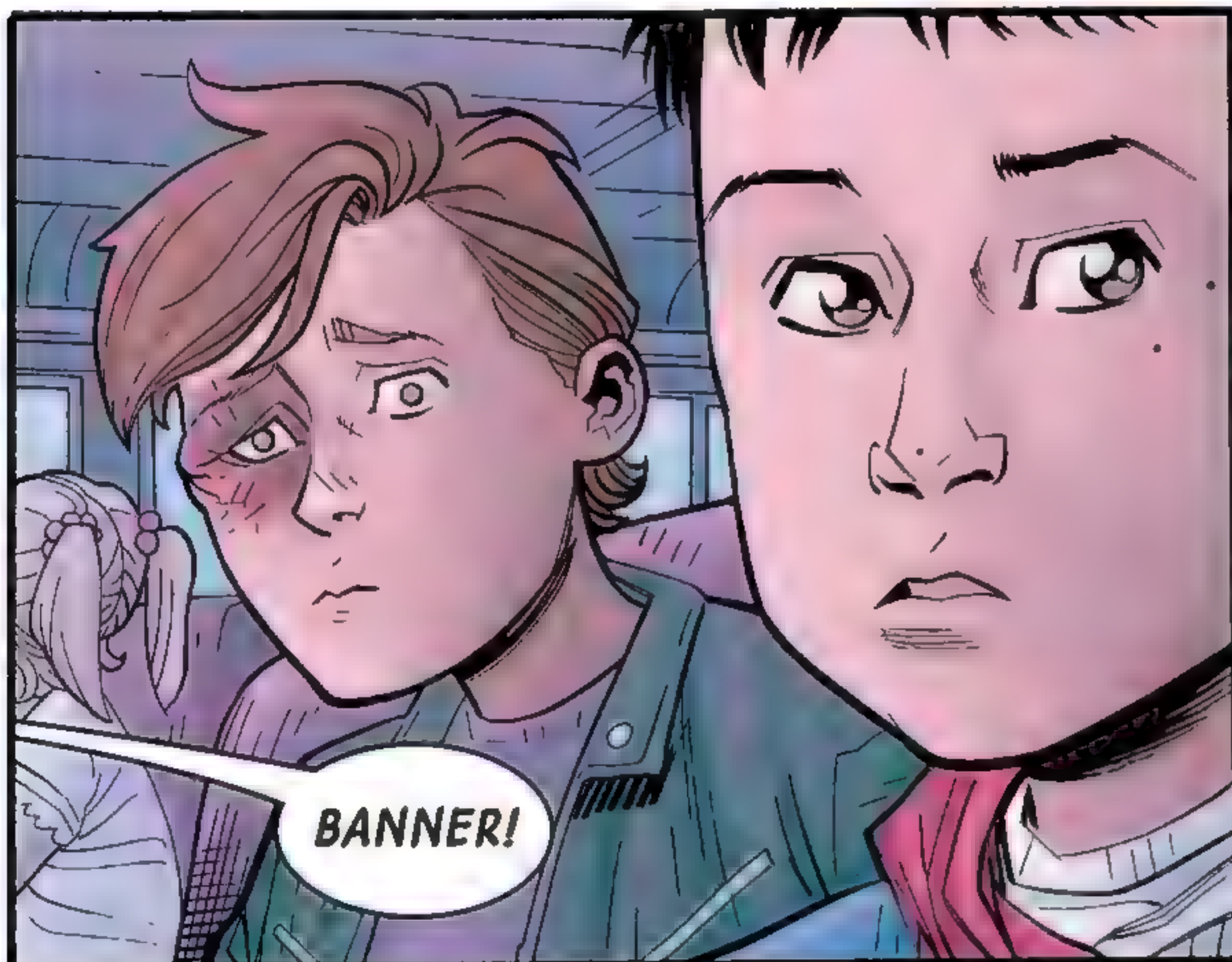
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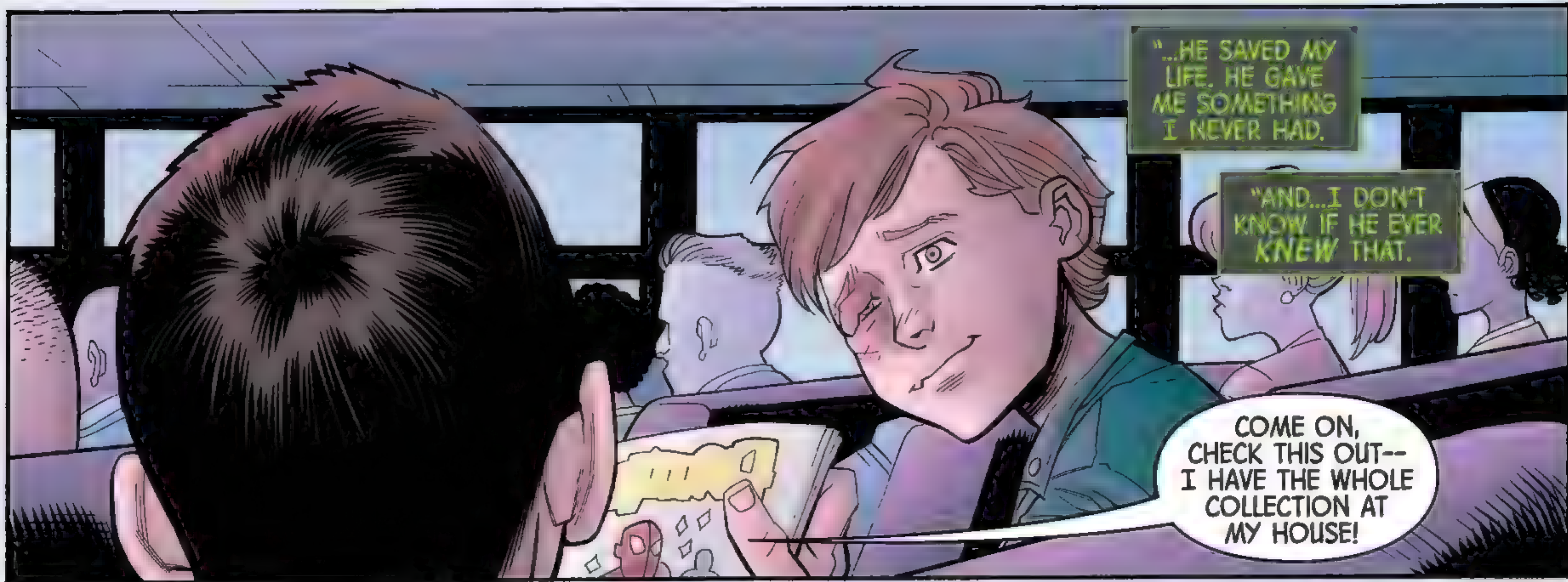


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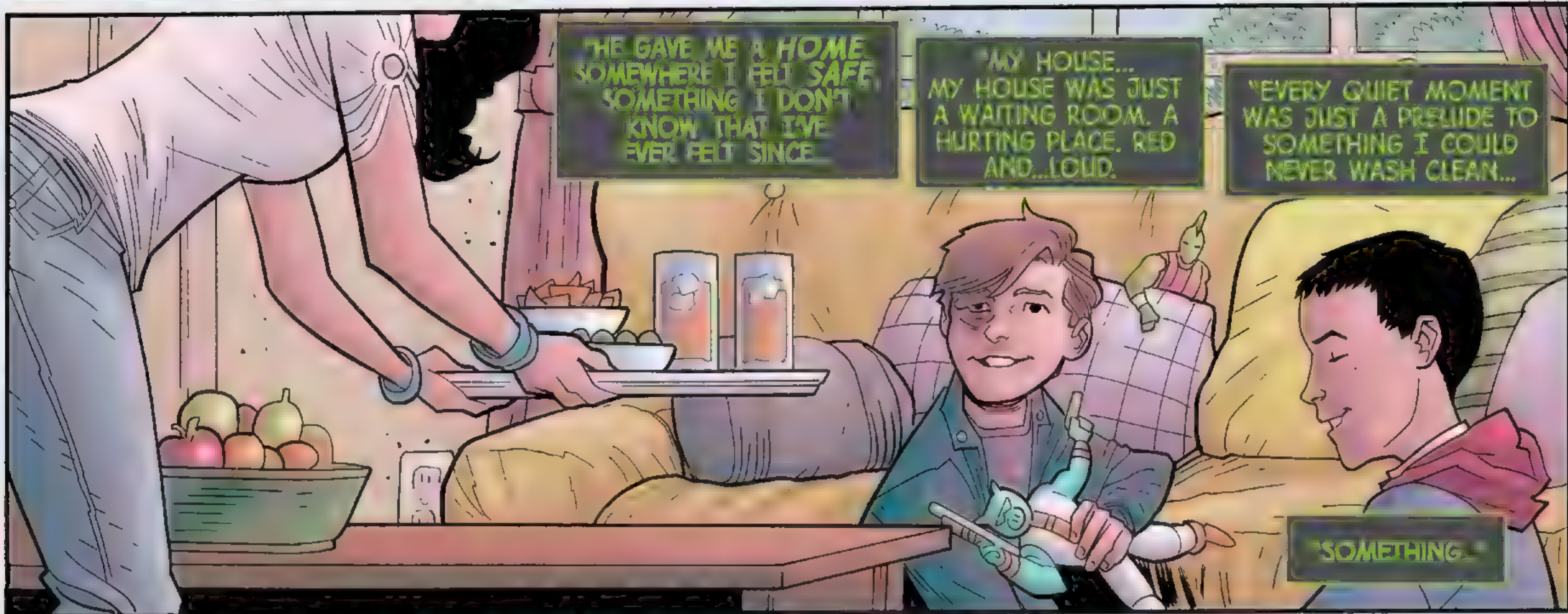




"...HE SAVED MY LIFE. HE GAVE ME SOMETHING I NEVER HAD.

"AND...I DON'T KNOW IF HE EVER KNEW THAT.

COME ON, CHECK THIS OUT-- I HAVE THE WHOLE COLLECTION AT MY HOUSE!



"HE GAVE ME A HOME SOMEWHERE I FELT SAFE, SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW THAT I'VE EVER FELT SINCE...

"MY HOUSE... MY HOUSE WAS JUST A WAITING ROOM. A HURTING PLACE. RED AND...LOUD.

"EVERY QUIET MOMENT WAS JUST A PRELUDE TO SOMETHING I COULD NEVER WASH CLEAN...

"SOMETHING..."



GOOD THINGS, BRUCE.

GOOD THINGS...



JUST BREATHE.

LOGAN'S HOUSE...IT WAS NICE.

WARM. HIS PARENTS WERE... KIND.

THEY WOULD LET ME GO THERE AS MUCH AS I WANTED. WE WOULD READ COMICS AND PLAY VIDEO GAMES AND-- AND HE WOULD PRETEND NOT TO NOTICE MY BRUISES.

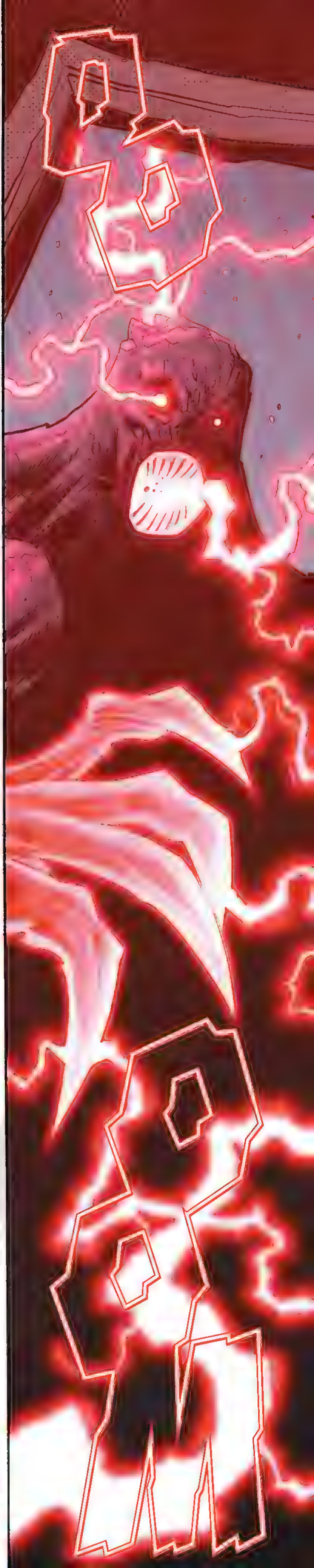
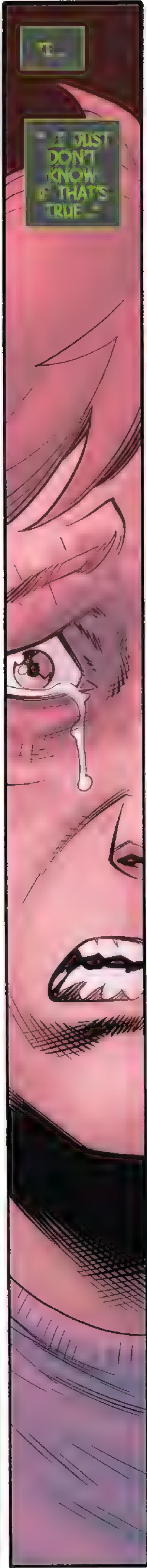
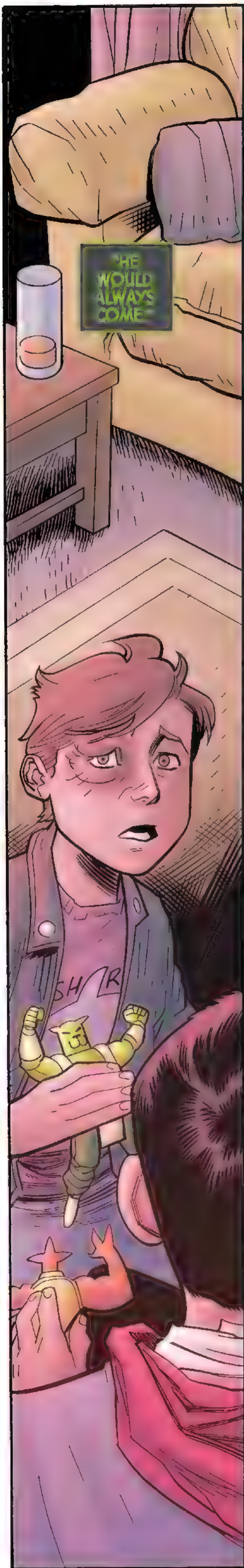
HE DIDN'T PITY ME. HE WASN'T AFRAID OF ME.

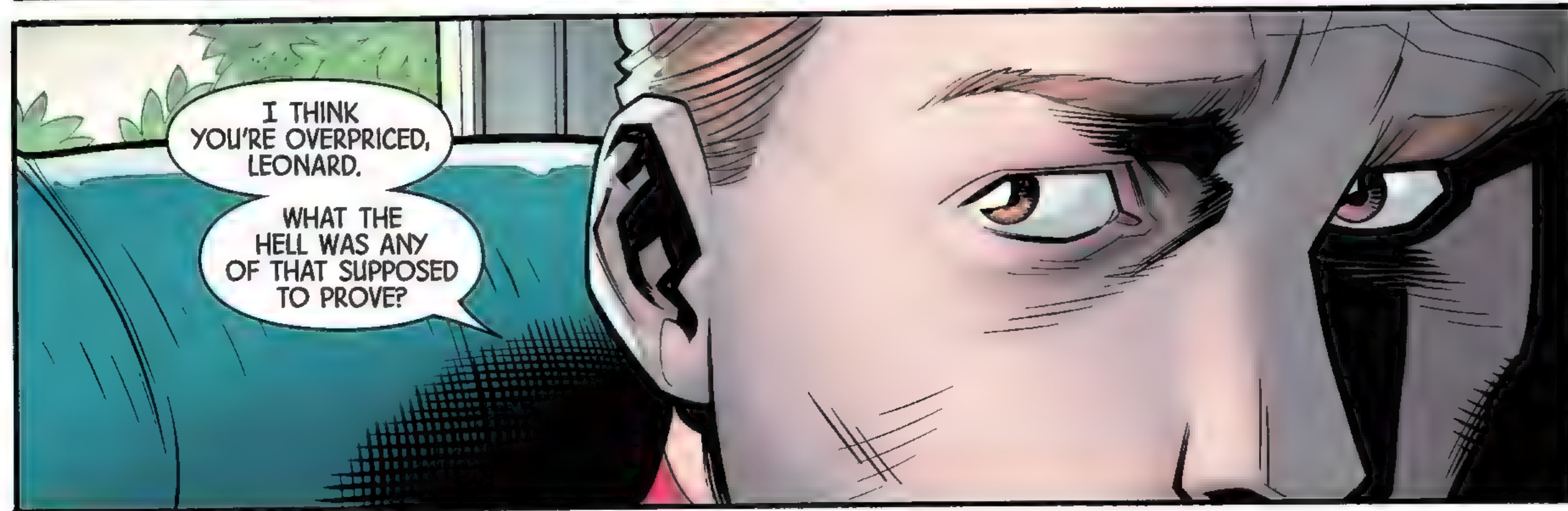
I...I NEEDED THAT.

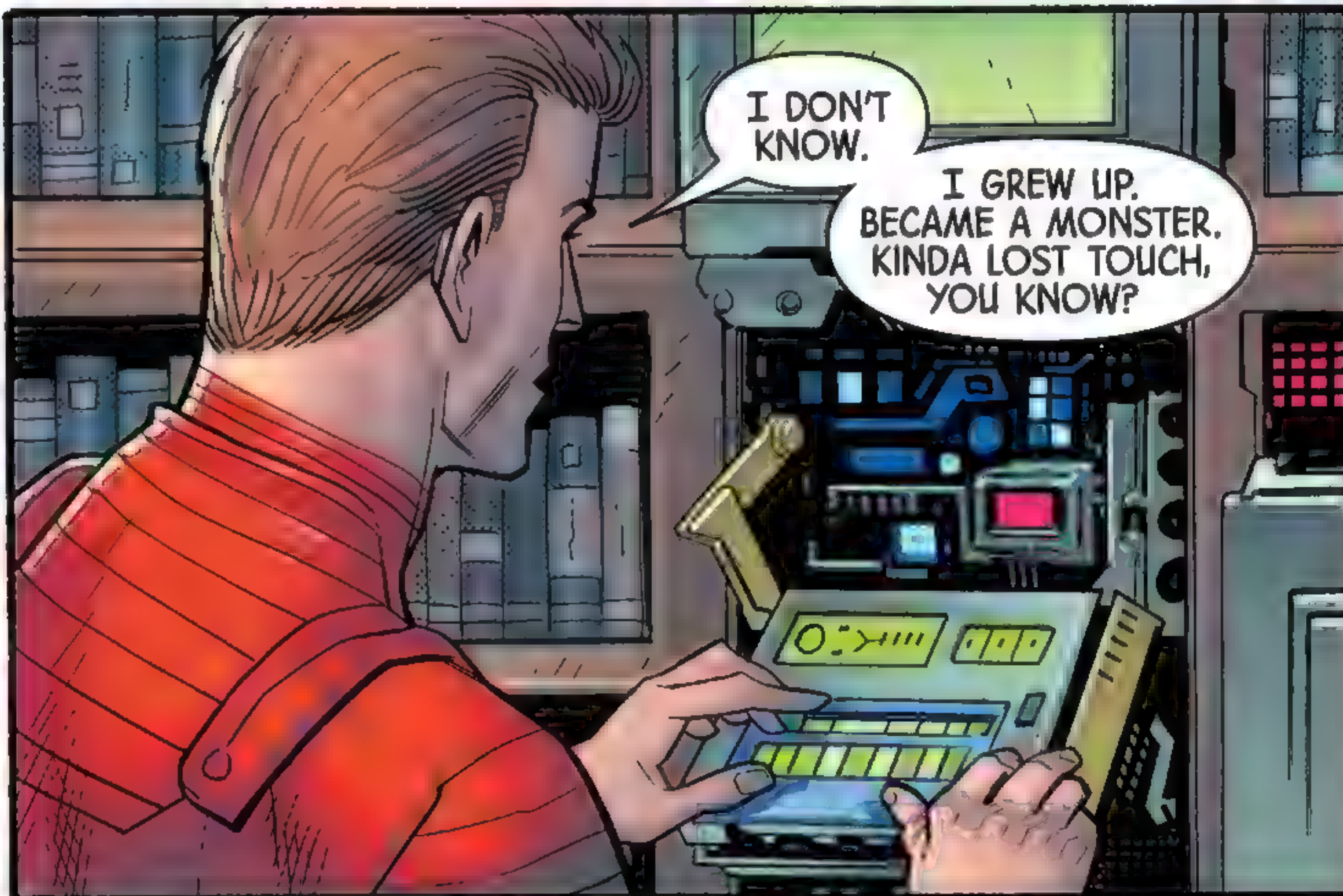
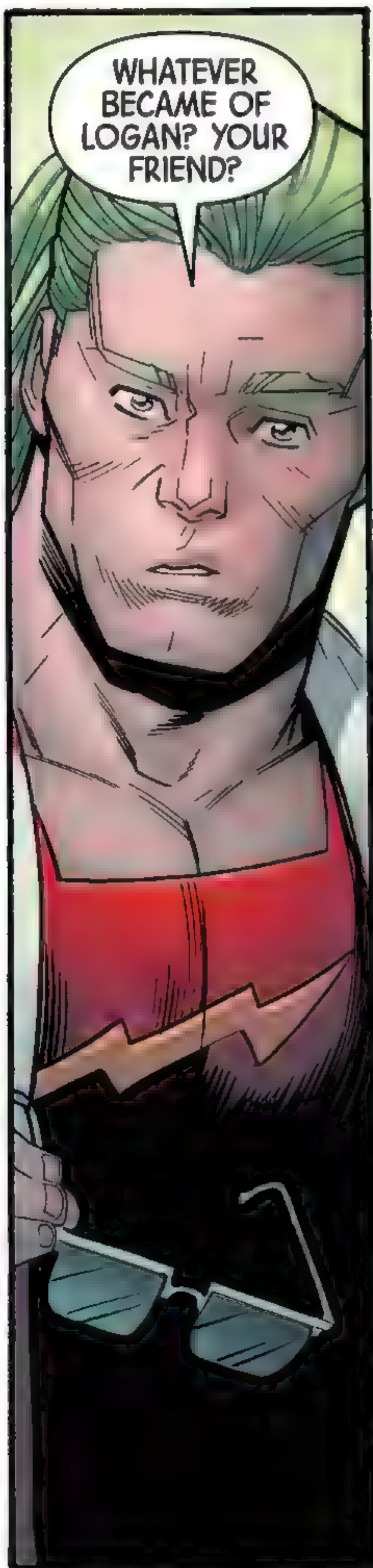
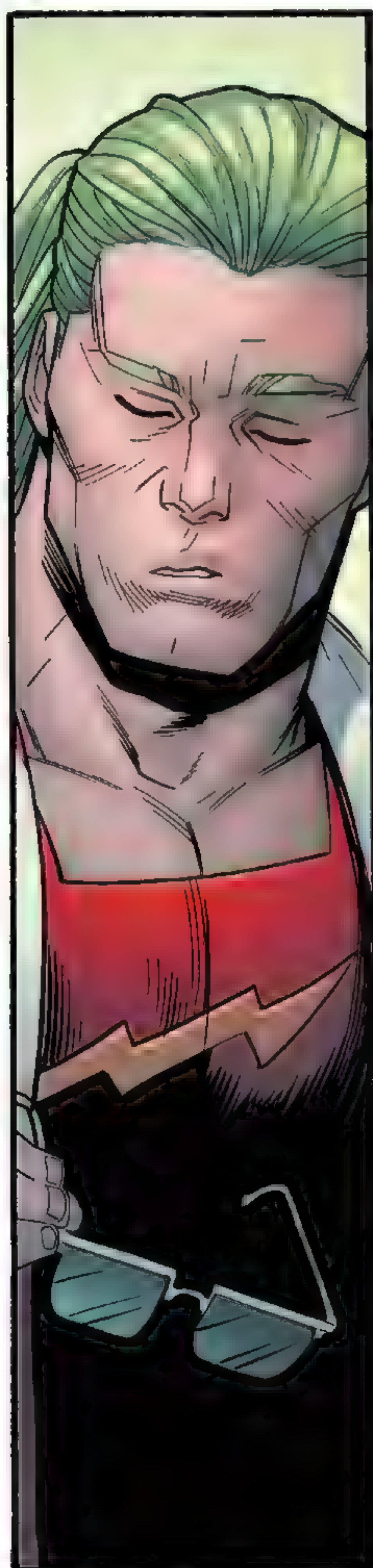


BUT THEN...

...HE WOULD COME FOR ME.

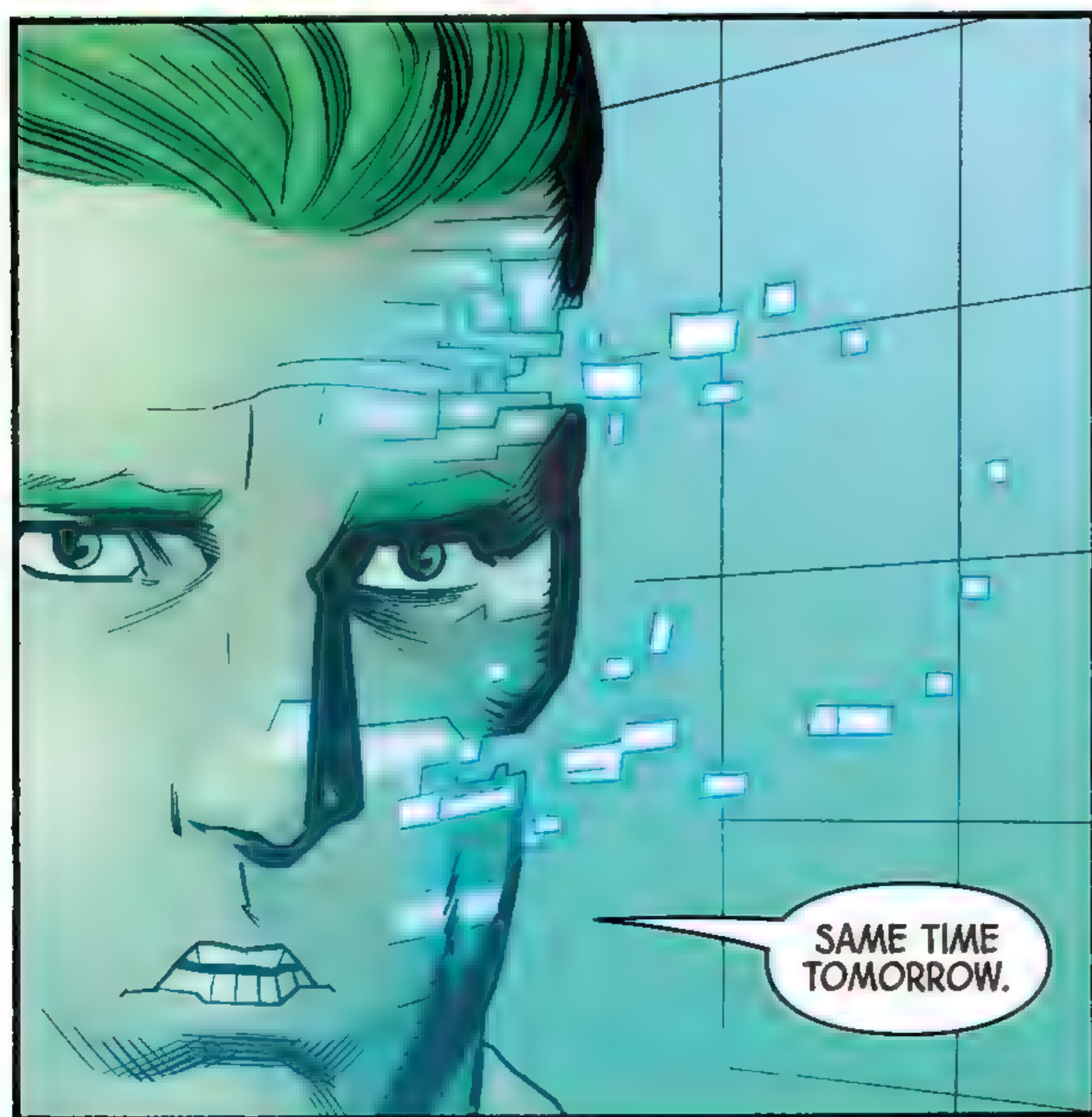




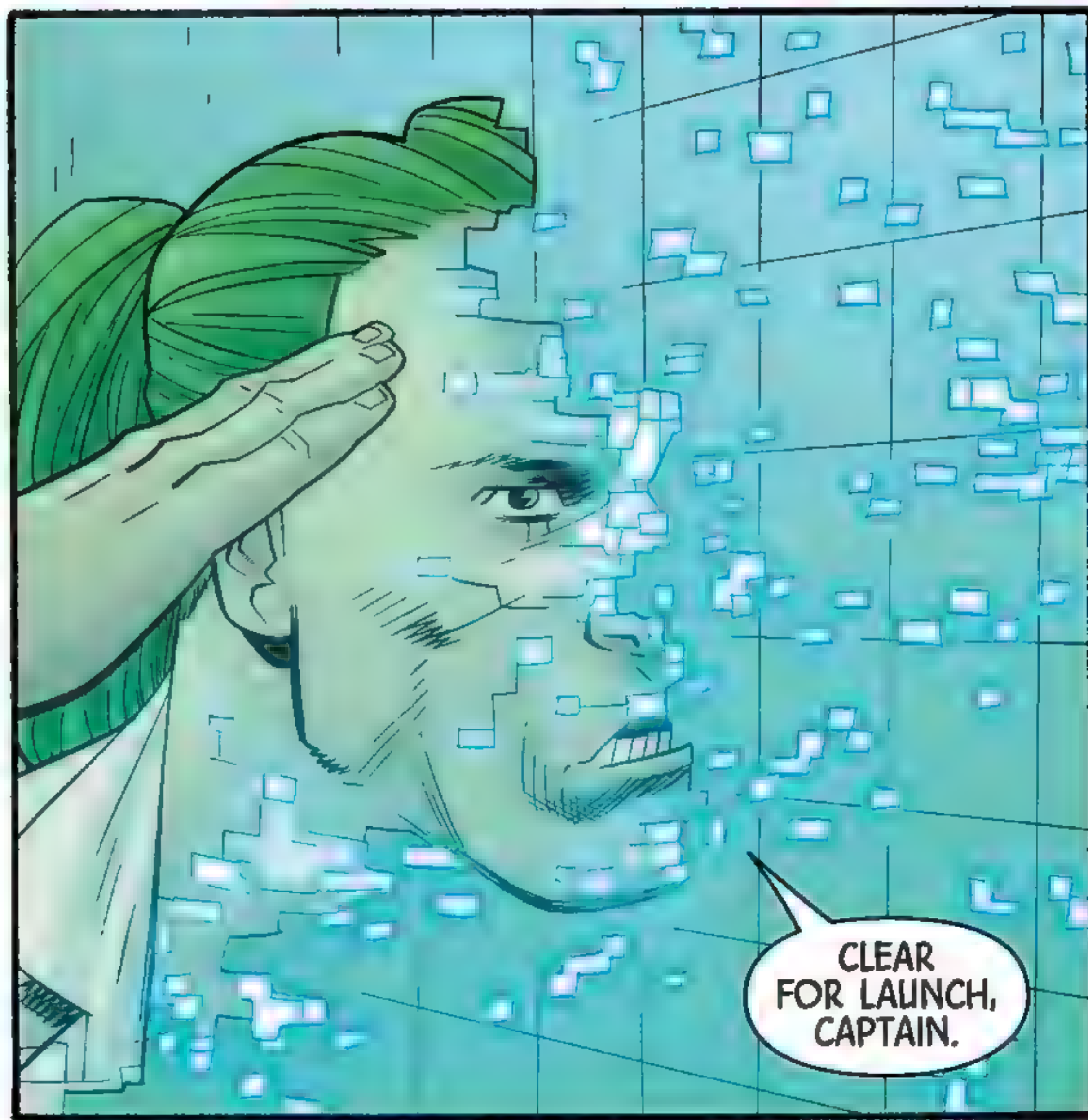




HE'S THE
ONLY PERSON I
NEVER HURT.



SAME TIME
TOMORROW.



CLEAR
FOR LAUNCH,
CAPTAIN.



"CLEAR FOR LAUNCH, CAPTAIN."
SO INSULTING...JUST THE WAY
HE SAYS IT...

I CAN HEAR THE DISDAIN
IN HIS VOICE. HE OBVIOUSLY
THINKS I'VE LOST IT.

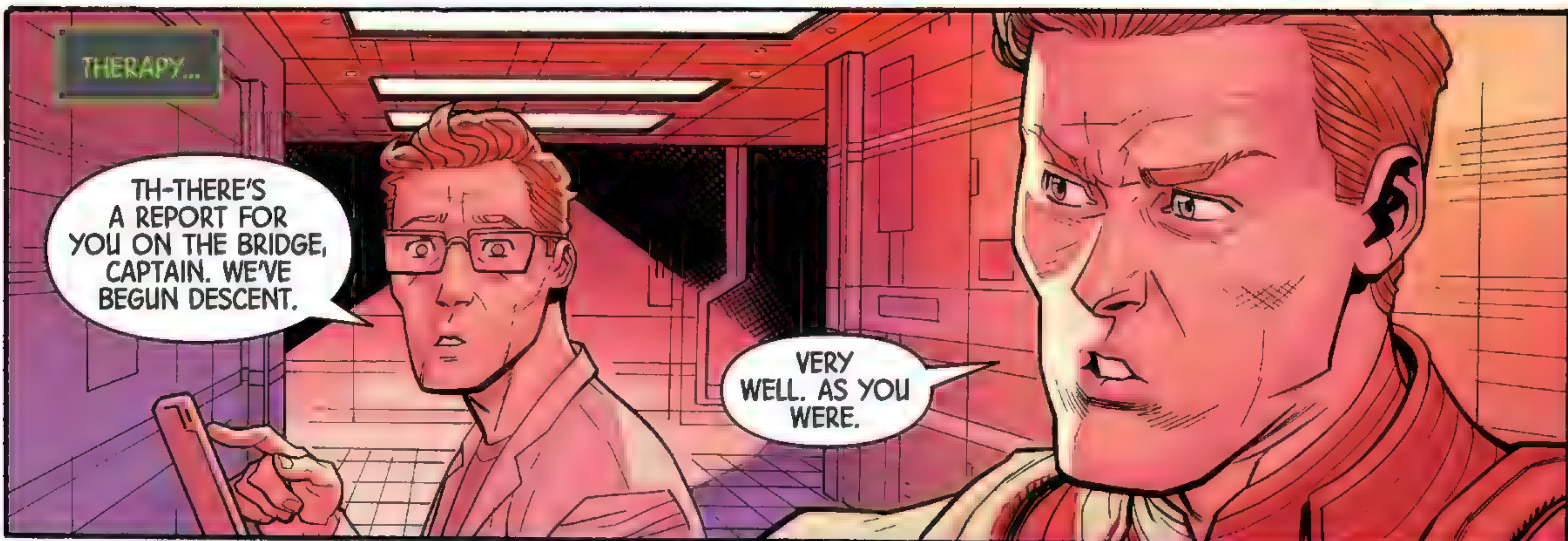
NOT EVEN SURE
WHY I HAVE HIM
AROUND.



AGH,
SORRY, CAPTAIN
BANNER!

IT'S OKAY.
JUST WATCH
WHERE YOU'RE
GOING, ENSIGN
BANNER.

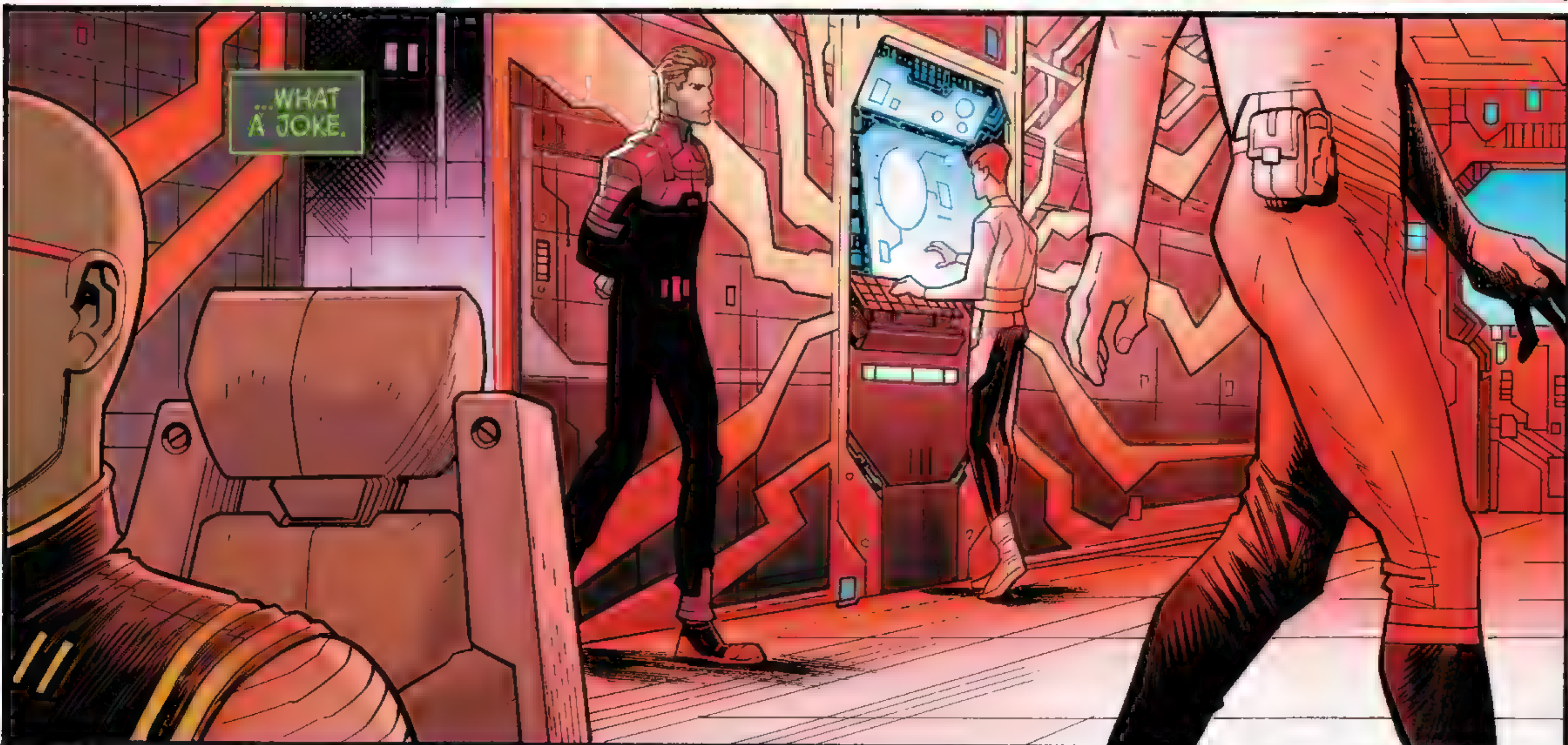
SIR,
YES SIR.



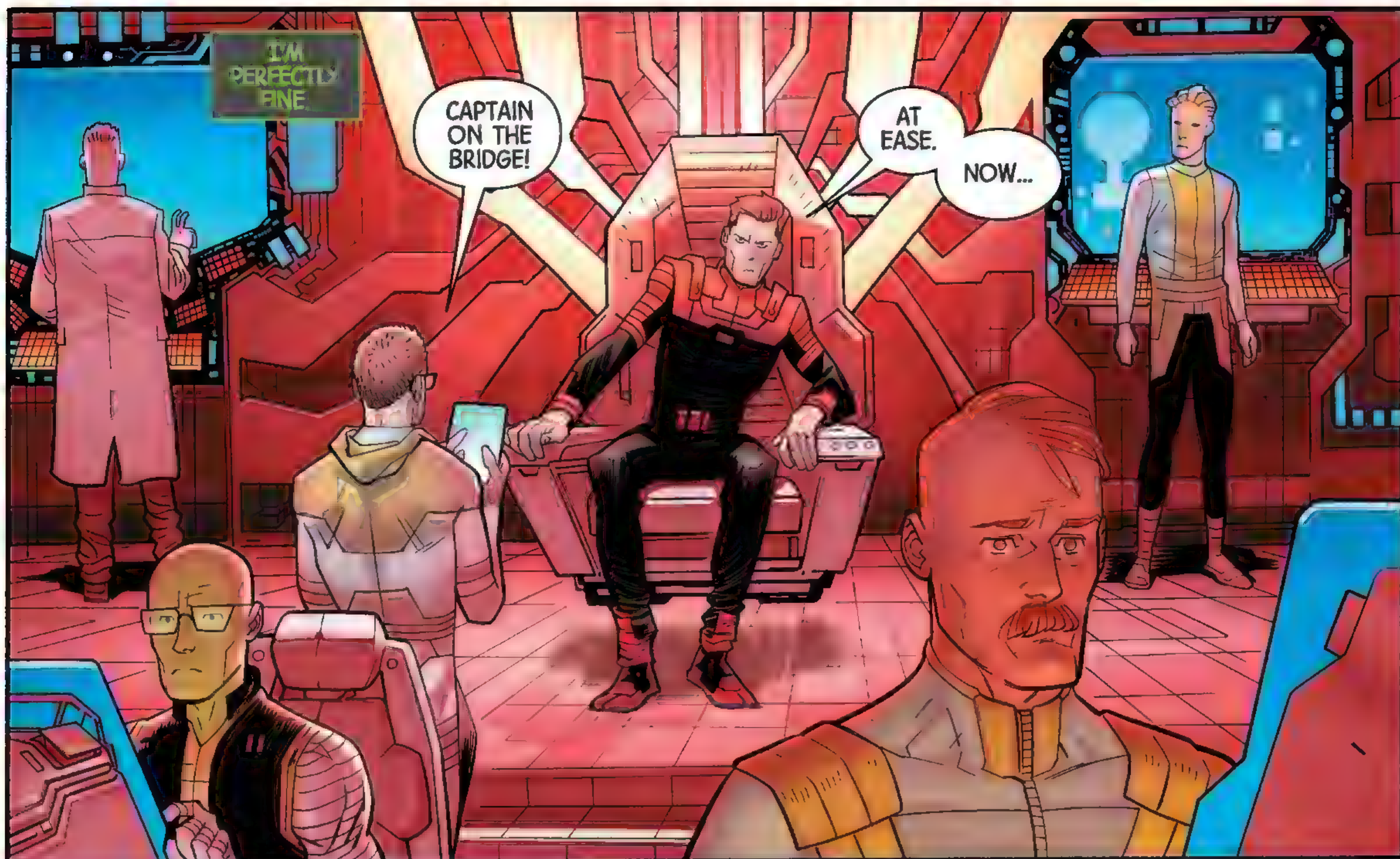
THERAPY...

TH-THERE'S
A REPORT FOR
YOU ON THE BRIDGE,
CAPTAIN. WE'VE
BEGUN DESCENT.

VERY
WELL. AS YOU
WERE.



...WHAT
A JOKE.



BY SPLITTING MY OWN CONSCIOUSNESS INTO A CREW OF MULTIPLE-PERSONALITY MENTAL CONSTRUCTS, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO OPERATE THE SHIP AT ITS MAXIMUM POTENTIAL.

NO TOPOGRAPHY, CAPTAIN. THE ENTIRE PLANET IS...SMOOTH. QUITE LITERALLY LIKE A MARBLE.

AND JUDGING FROM OUR SCANS OF THE PLANET'S RINGS, WHATEVER MOUNTAINS OR RIDGES THIS PLANET ONCE HAD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED... PULVERIZED...

...AND DESTROYED IN SUCH A VIOLENT WAY THAT THE RESULTING DEBRIS WAS ROCKETED INTO THE PLANET'S OWN ORBIT. WE BELIEVE IT RAINS MOLTEN SEDIMENT ALMOST EVERY NIGHT...

GOD. THAT KIND OF POWER... IT'S...

INCALCULABLE, SIR.

SO WHATEVER'S DOWN THERE...IT'S STRONG. AND TOUGH...

AND IF I'M BEING HONEST...

AND WHAT ABOUT THESE? THESE... SPIRES.

THEY APPEAR TO BE CENTERS OF COMMERCE AND LEISURE.

...THEY'RE...

CASINOS, SIR. BUILT BY HAND. THIS ONE HAS A POOL THAT CAN BE SEEN FROM ORBIT.

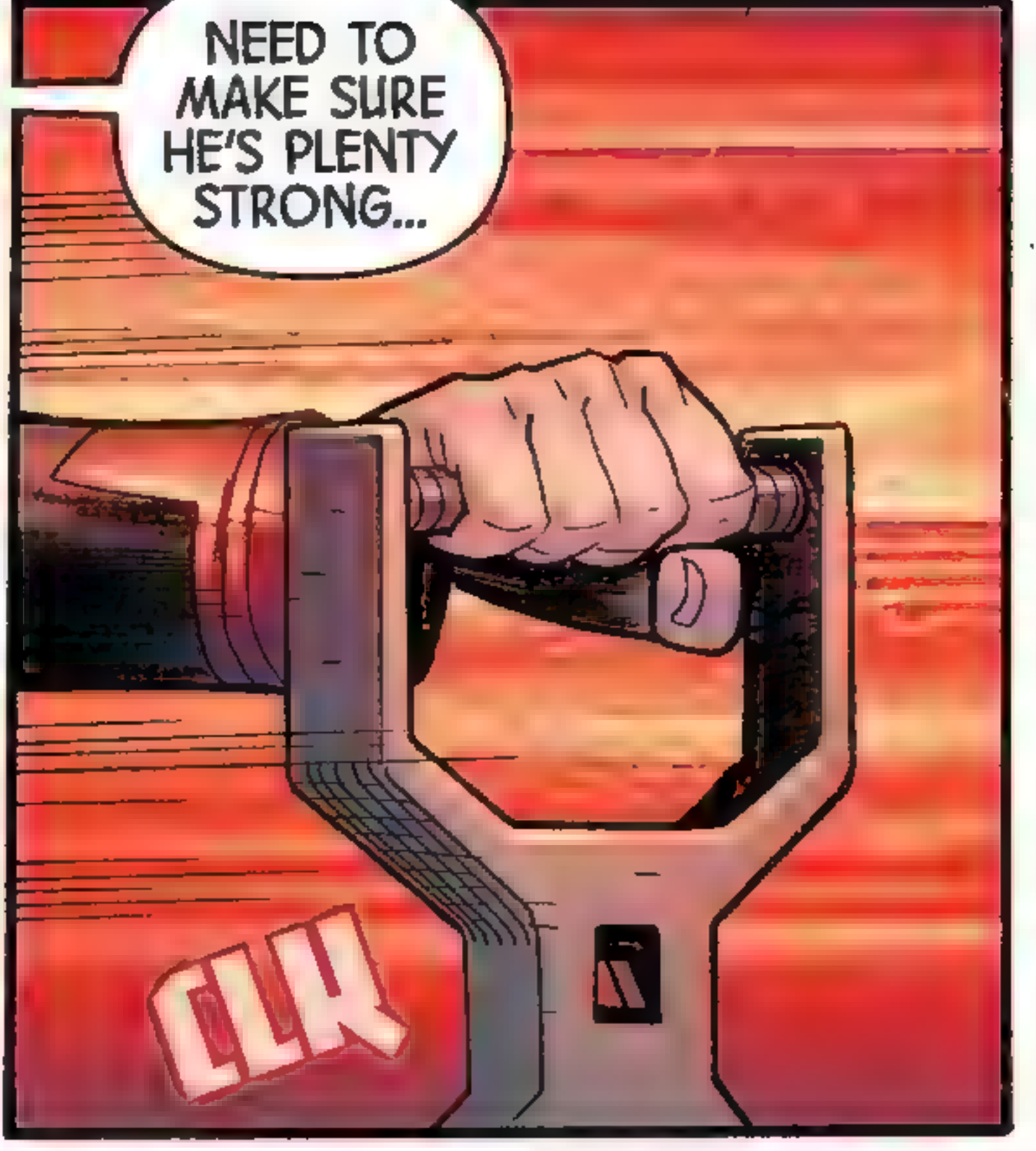
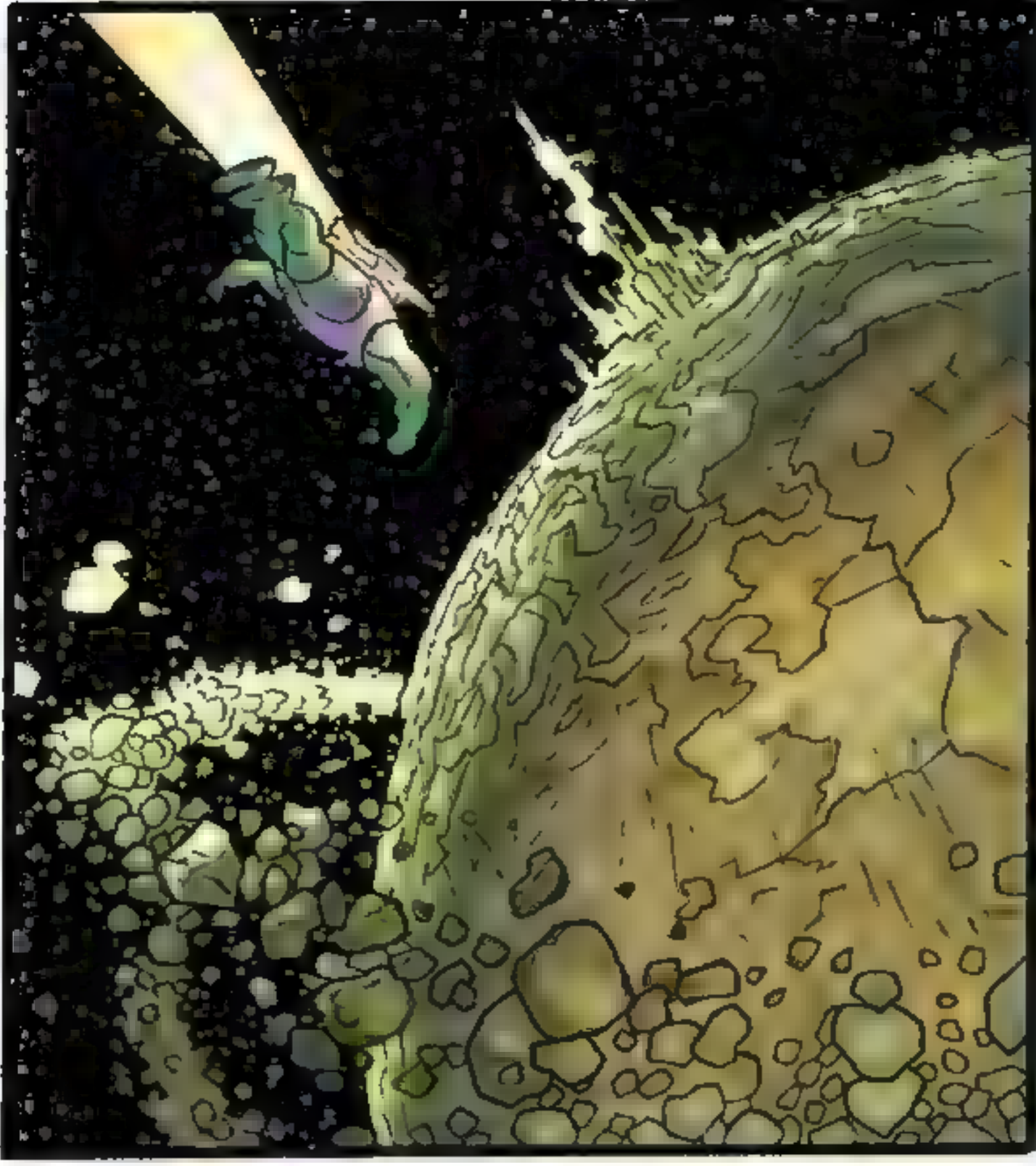
...IT'S JUST NICE TO NOT BE ALONE.

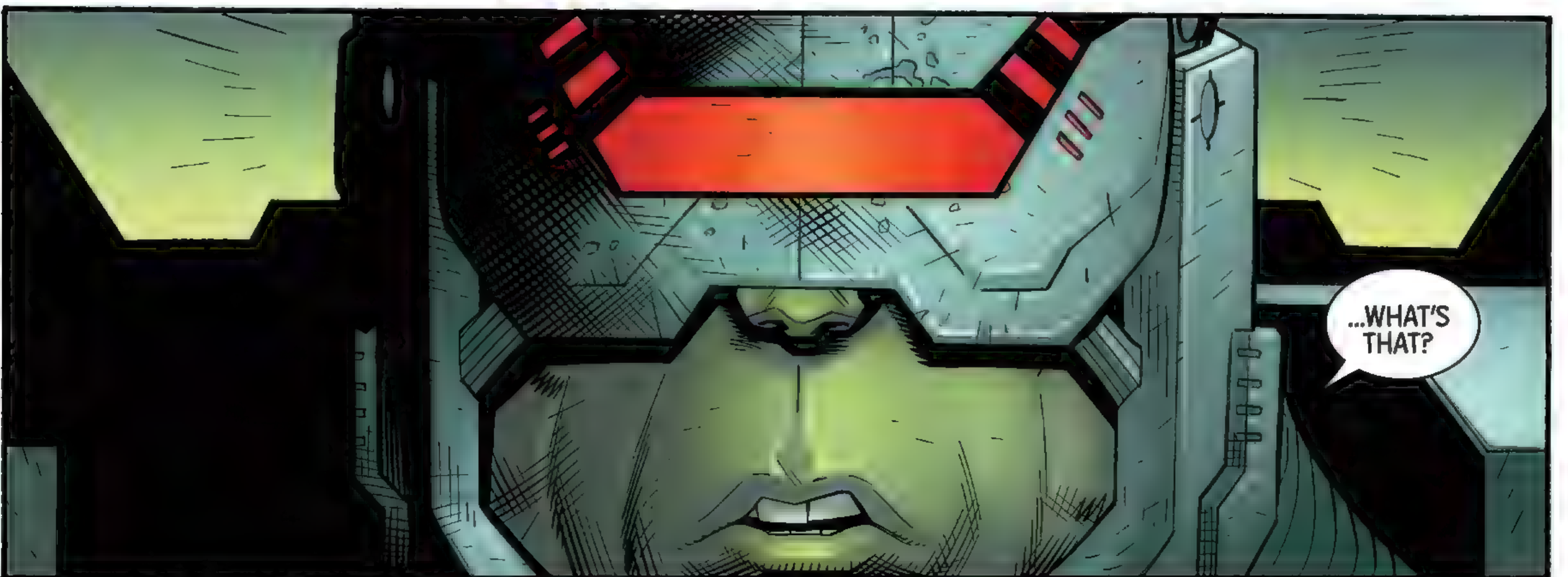
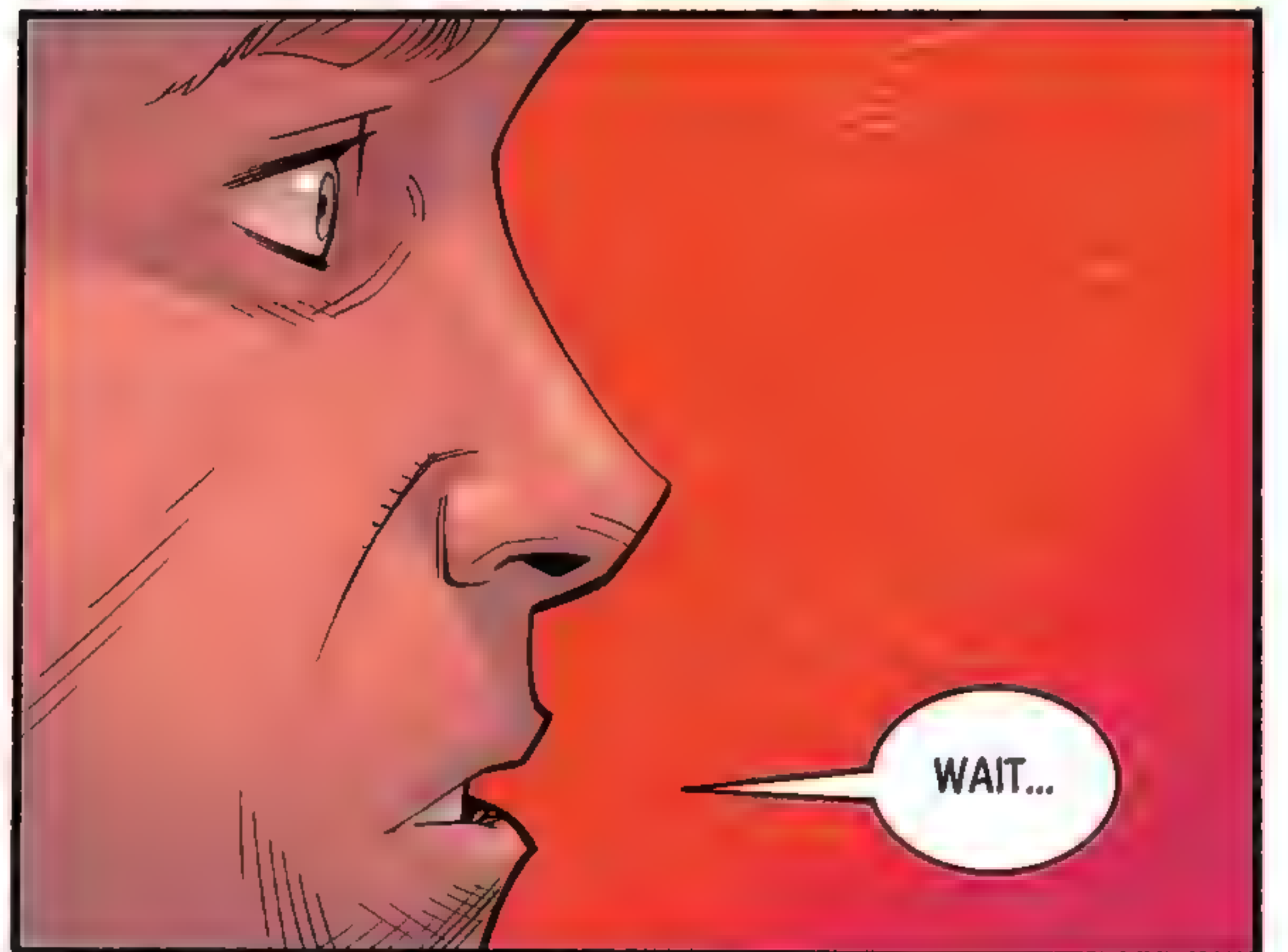
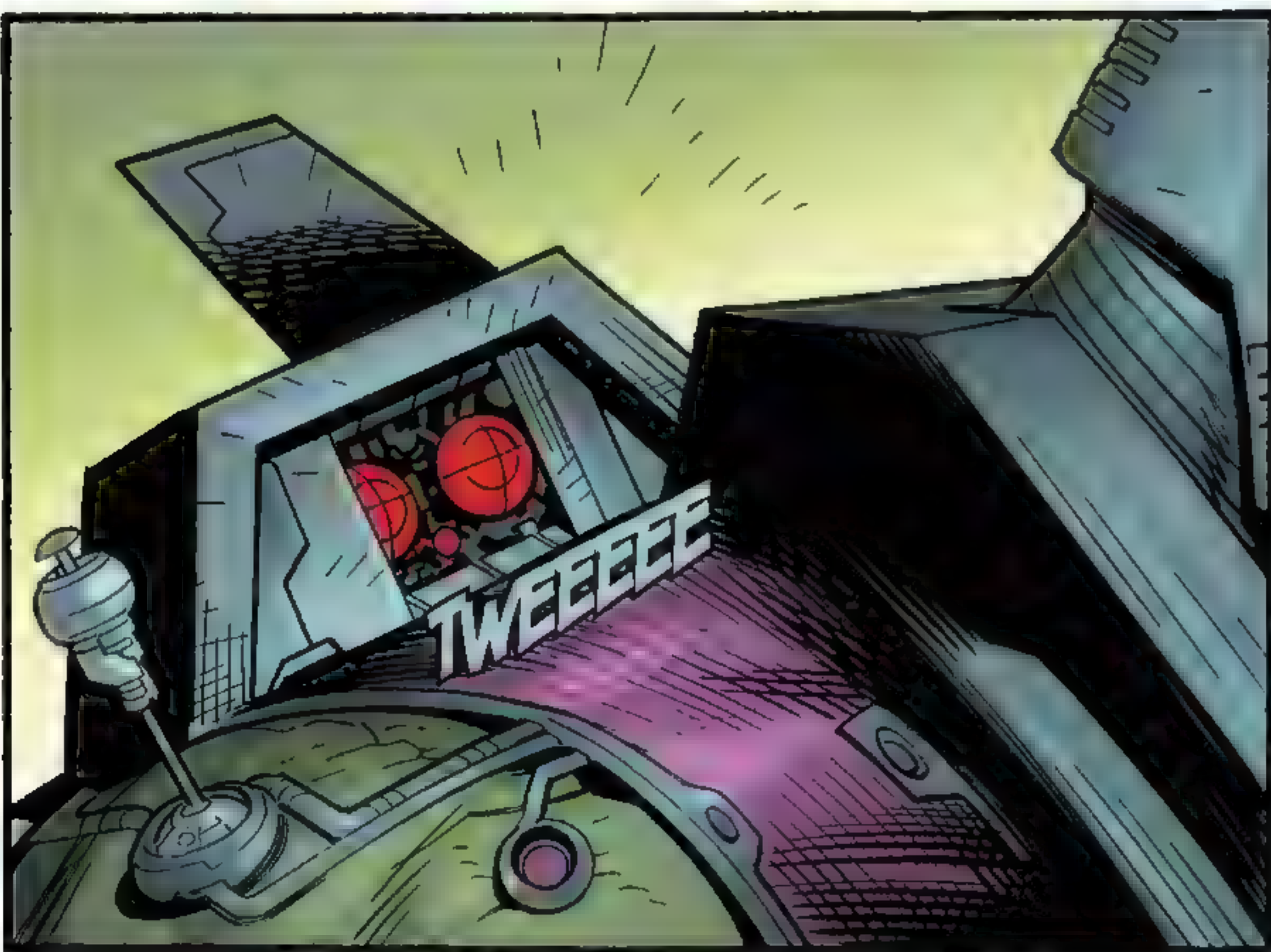
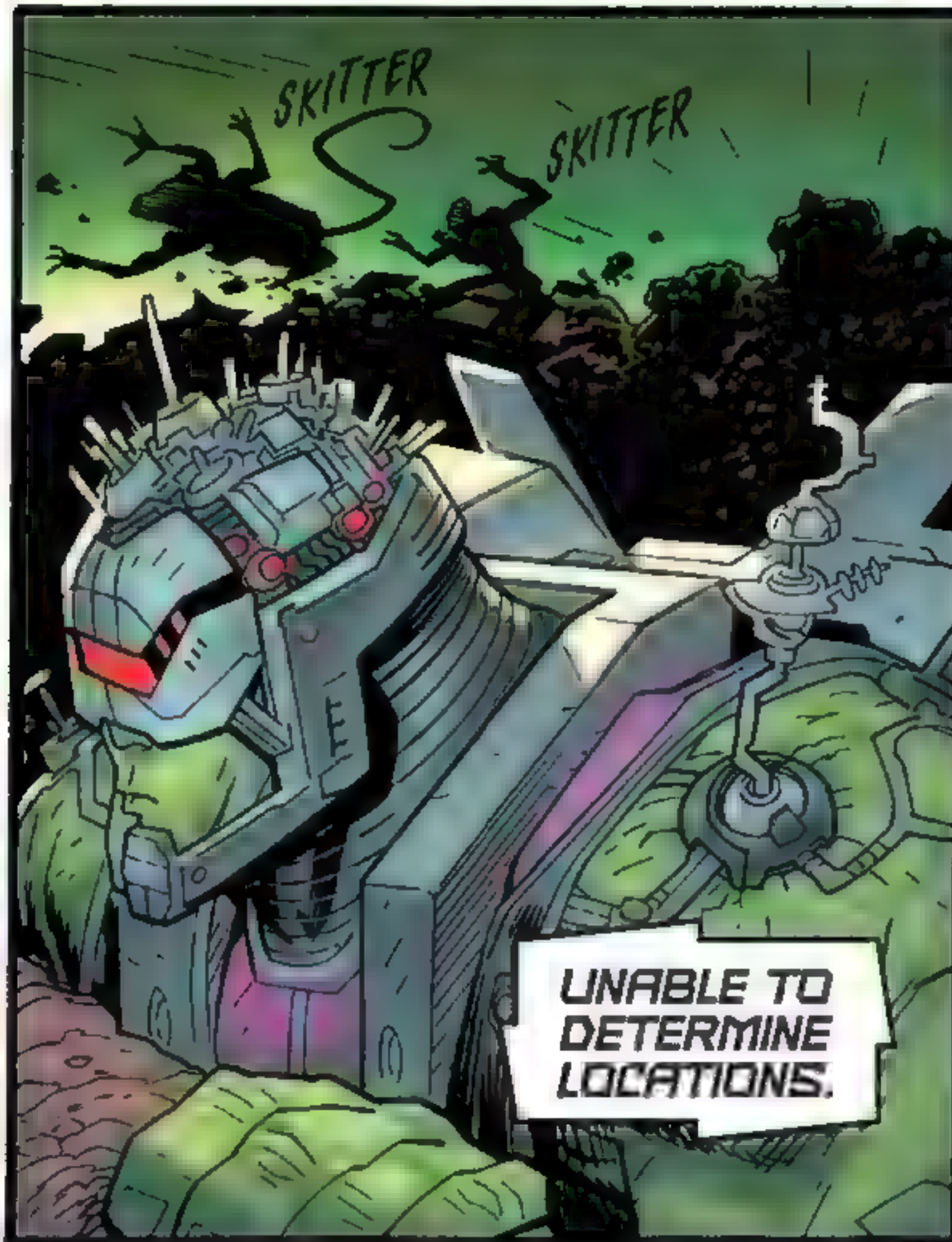
IT BEGS THE QUESTION, DOESN'T IT, SIR?

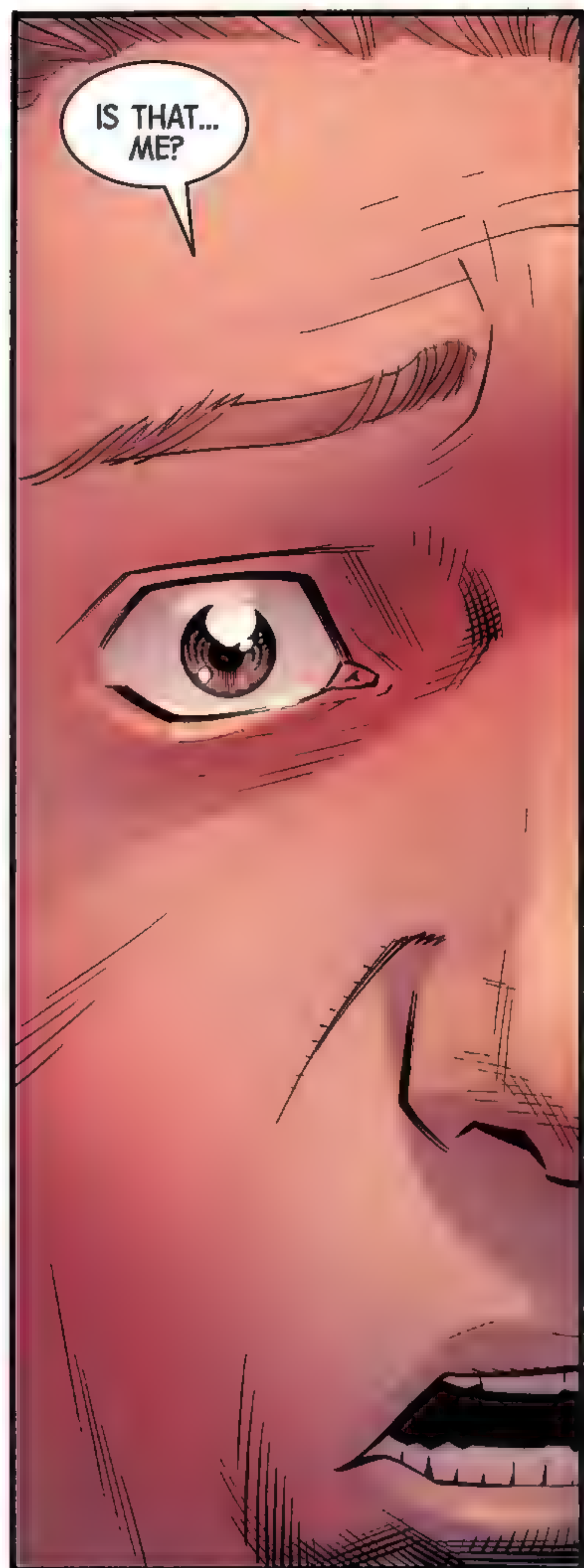
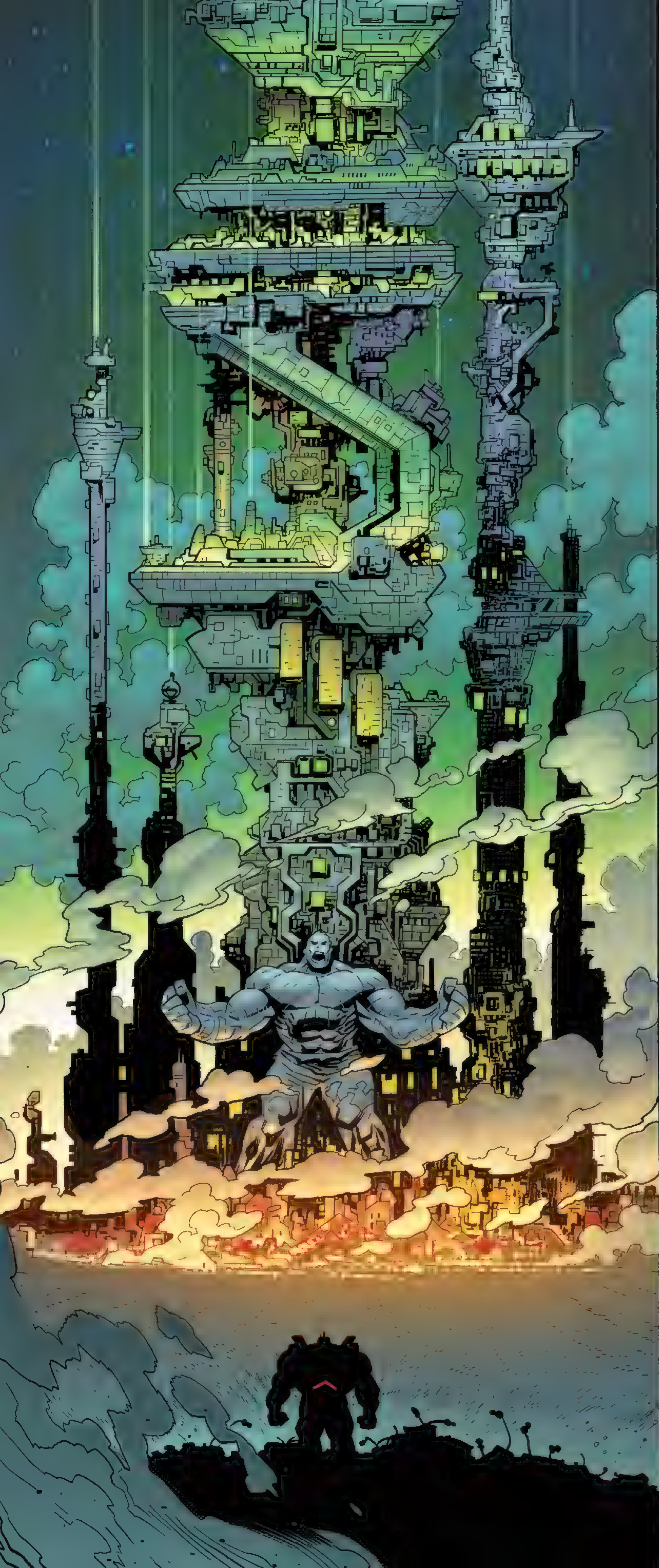
A PLANET DRENCHED IN GAMMA. WITH A POPULATION THAT HAS THE **STRENGTH** AND THE **INTELLIGENCE** TO BUILD SUCH BENIGN WONDERS...

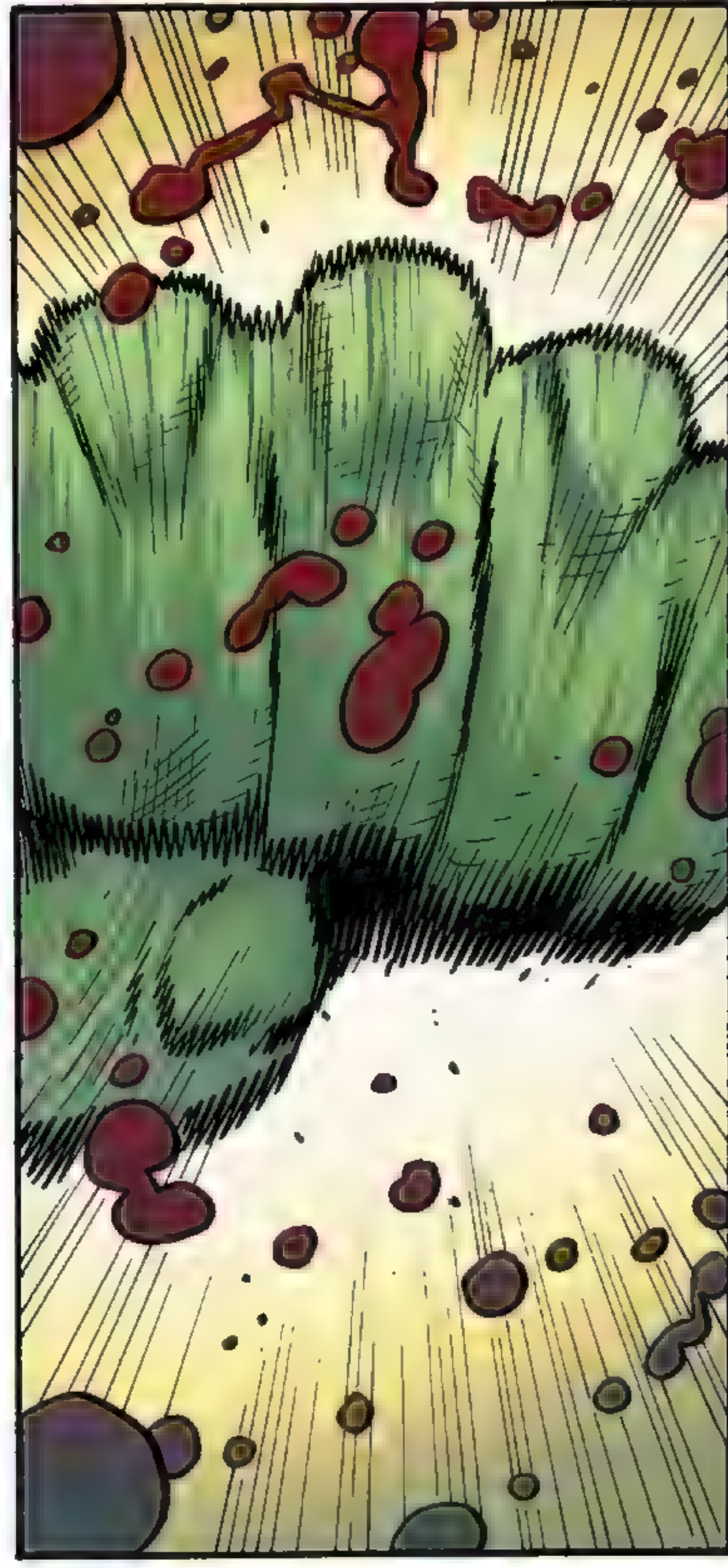
YES... WHAT'S THE QUESTION?

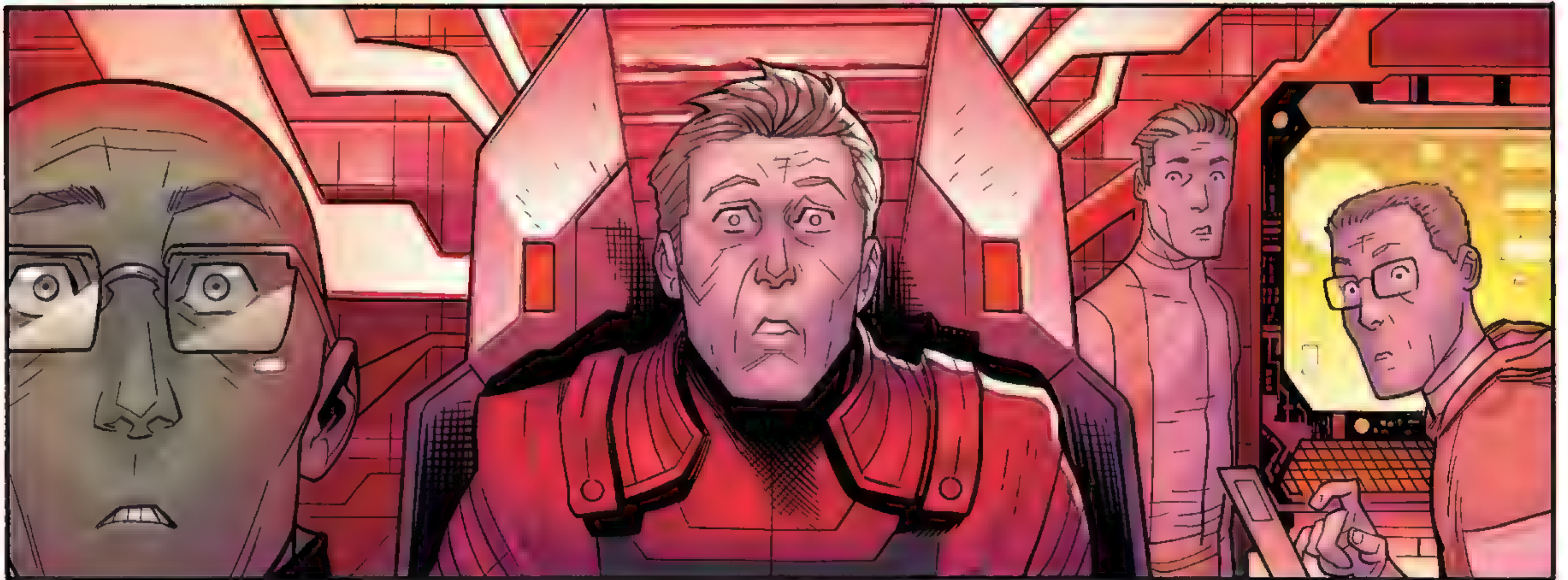
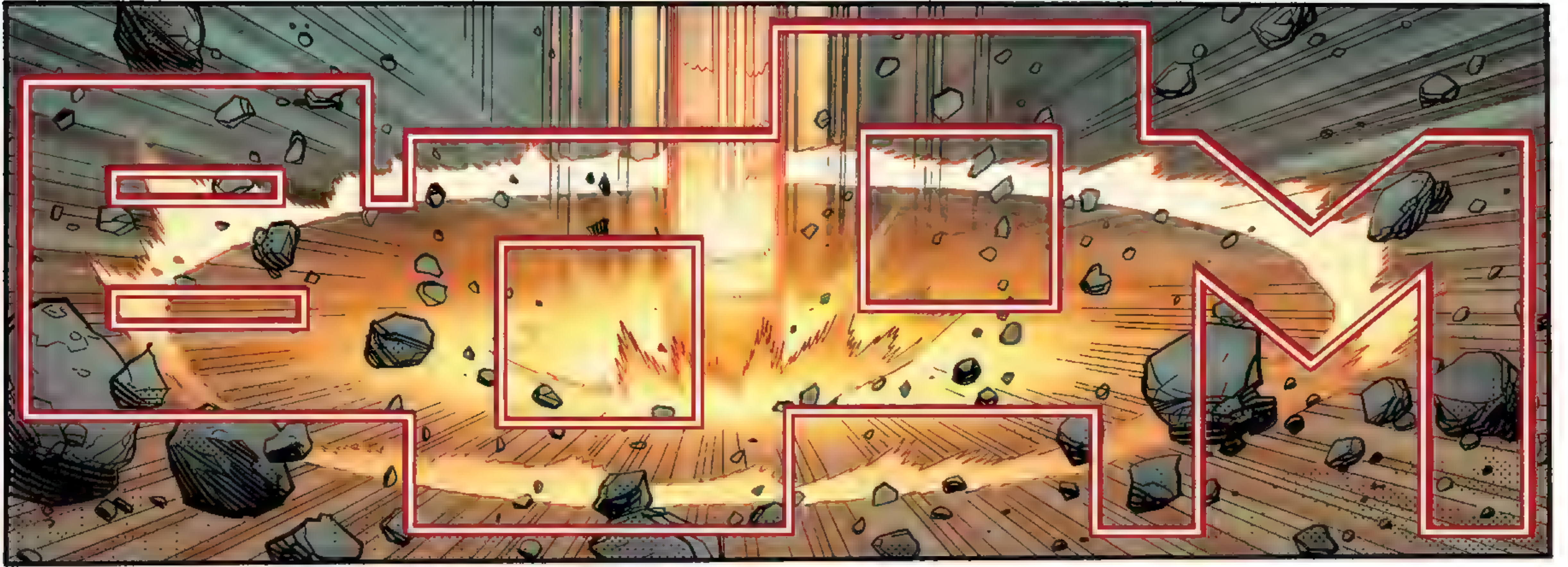
WELL...





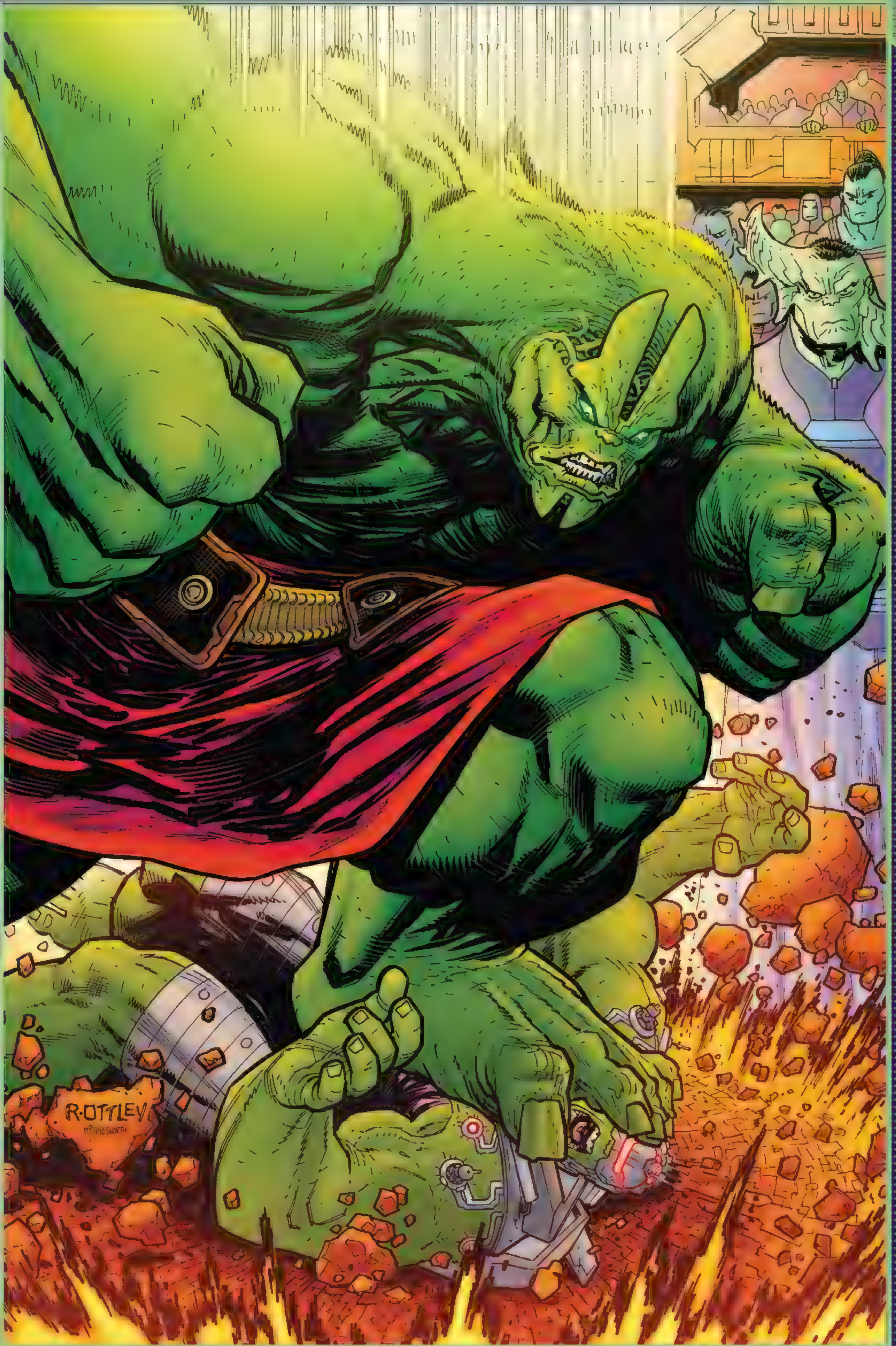




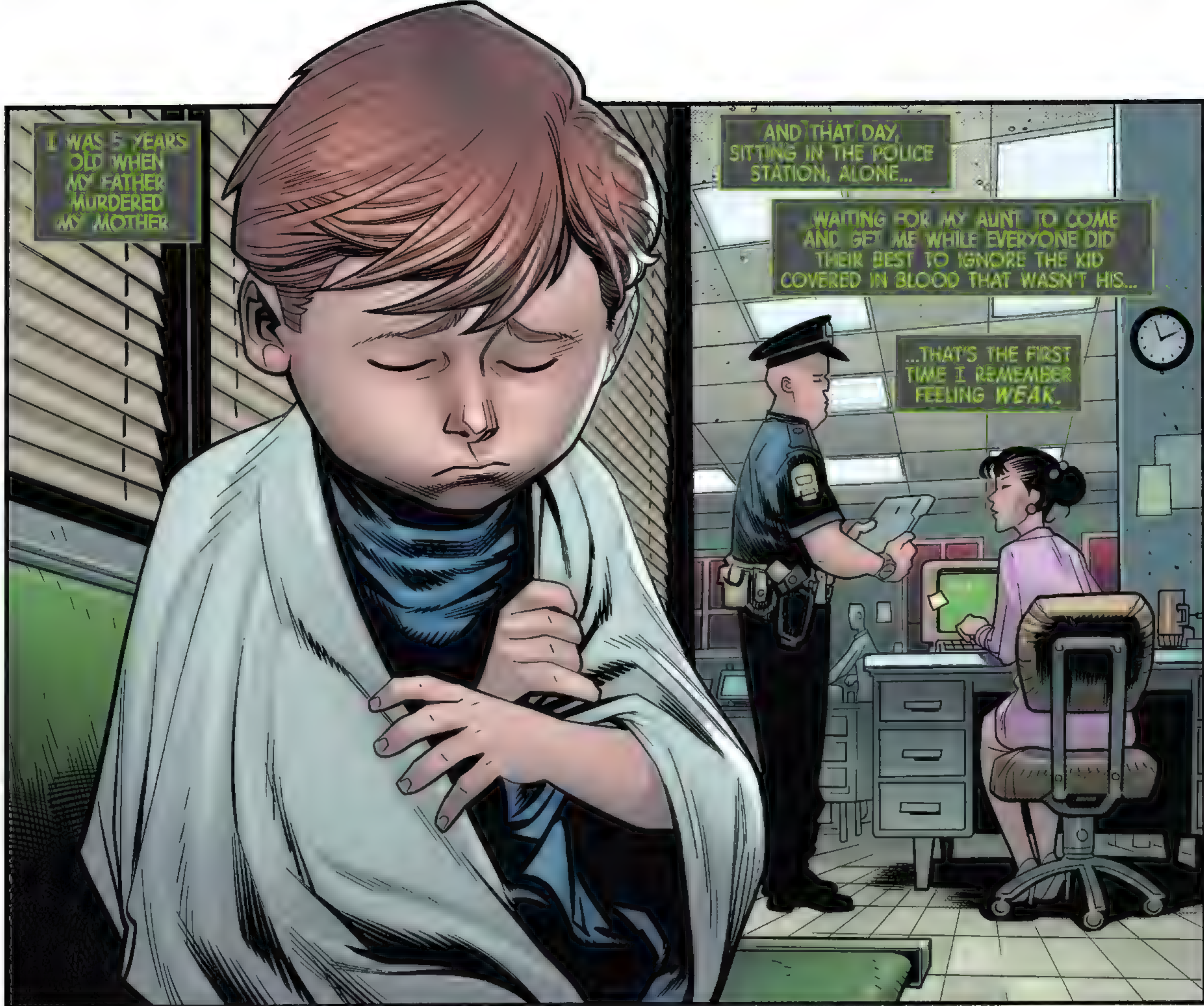


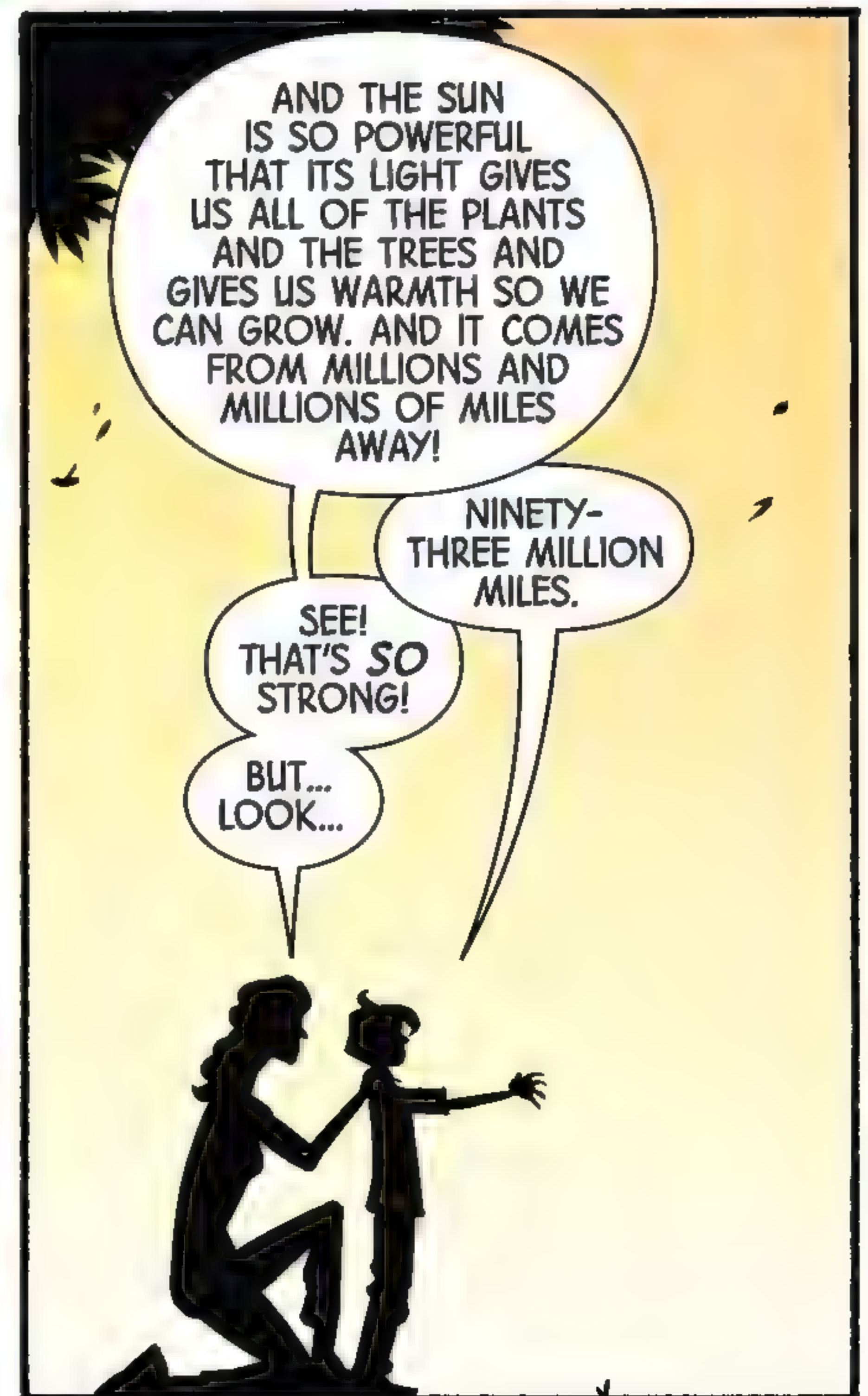
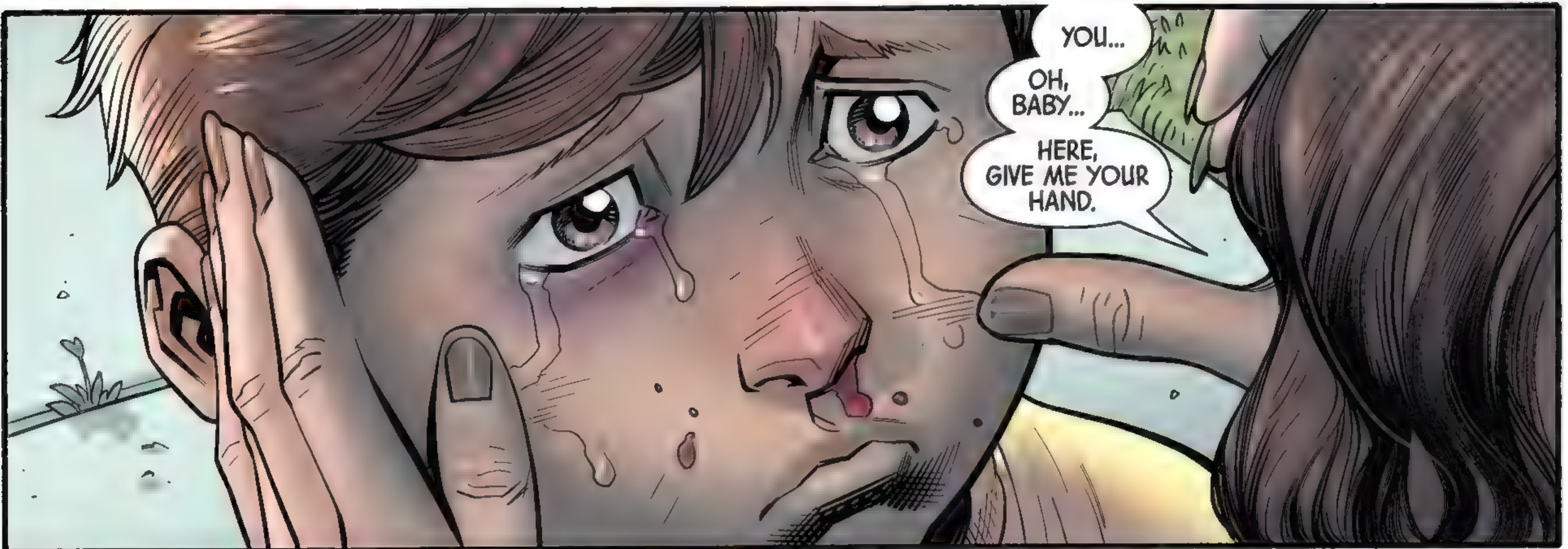
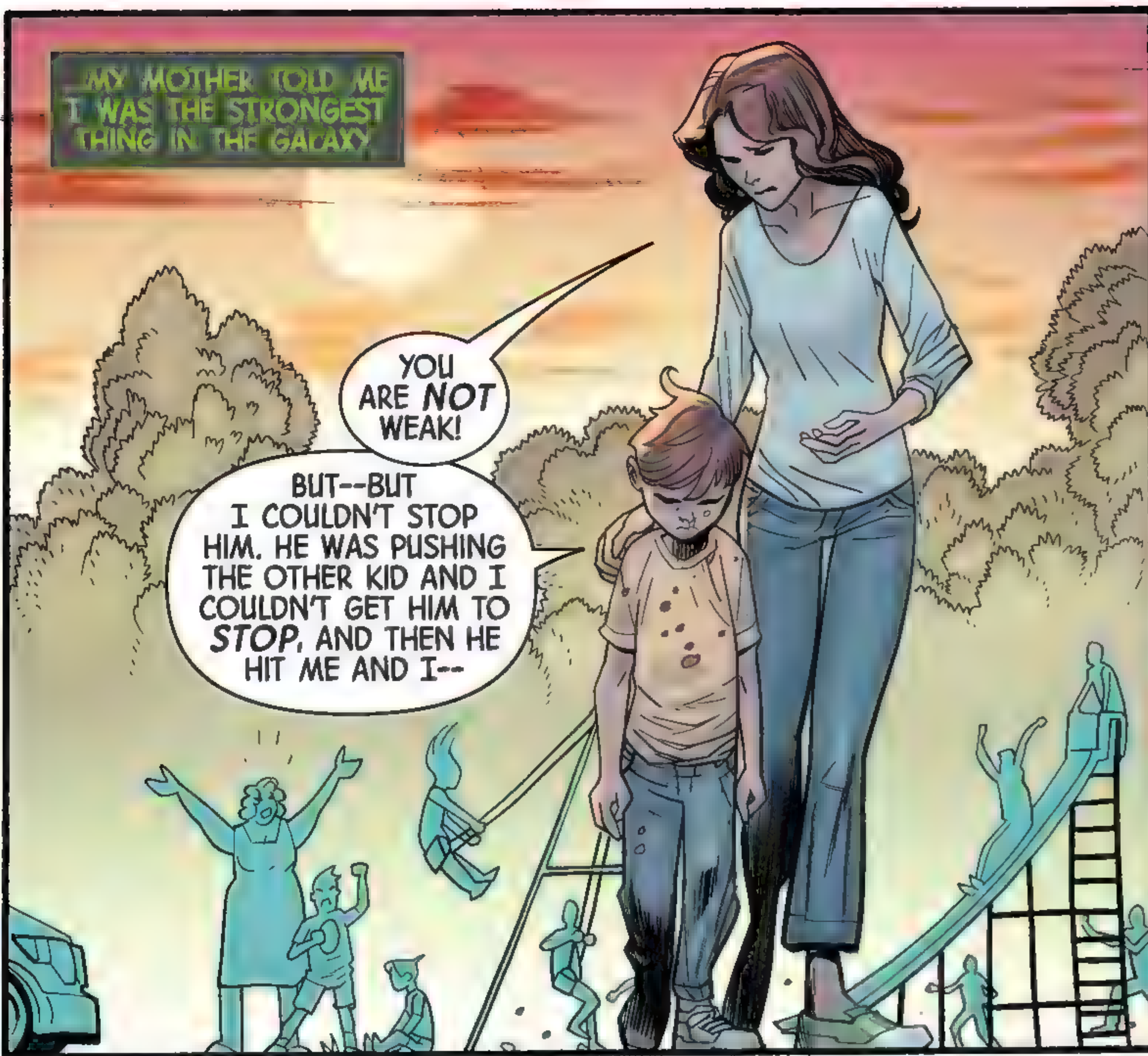


WELCOME
HOME.



HULK #10

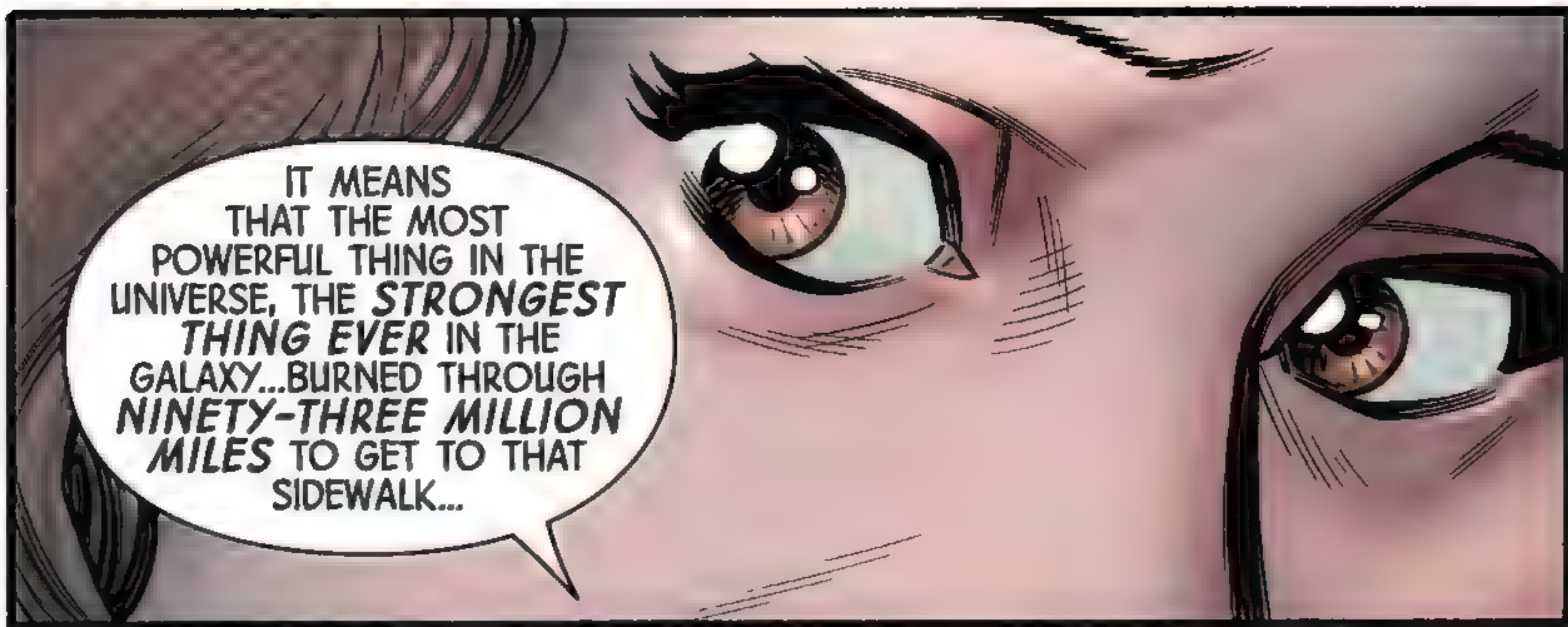




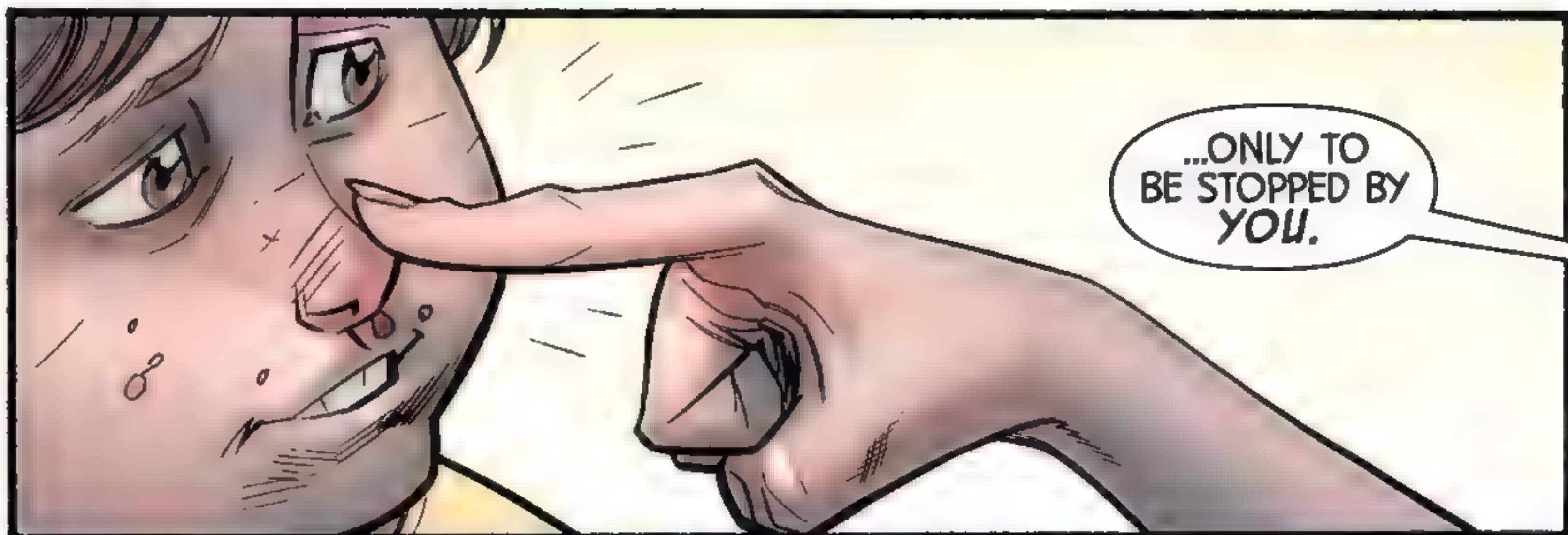


THAT'S YOUR
SHADOW.

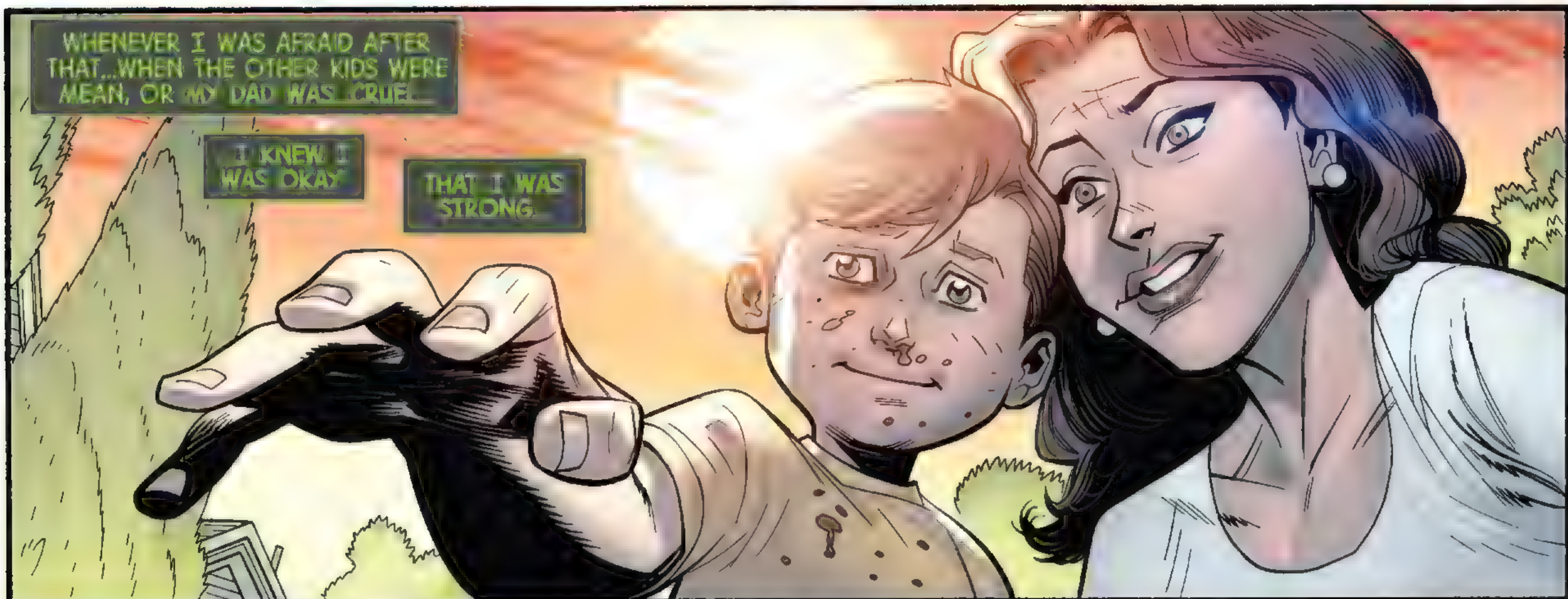
YOU MADE
THAT. DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
THAT MEANS?



IT MEANS
THAT THE MOST
POWERFUL THING IN THE
UNIVERSE, THE **STRONGEST
THING EVER** IN THE
GALAXY...BURNED THROUGH
**NINETY-THREE MILLION
MILES** TO GET TO THAT
SIDEWALK...



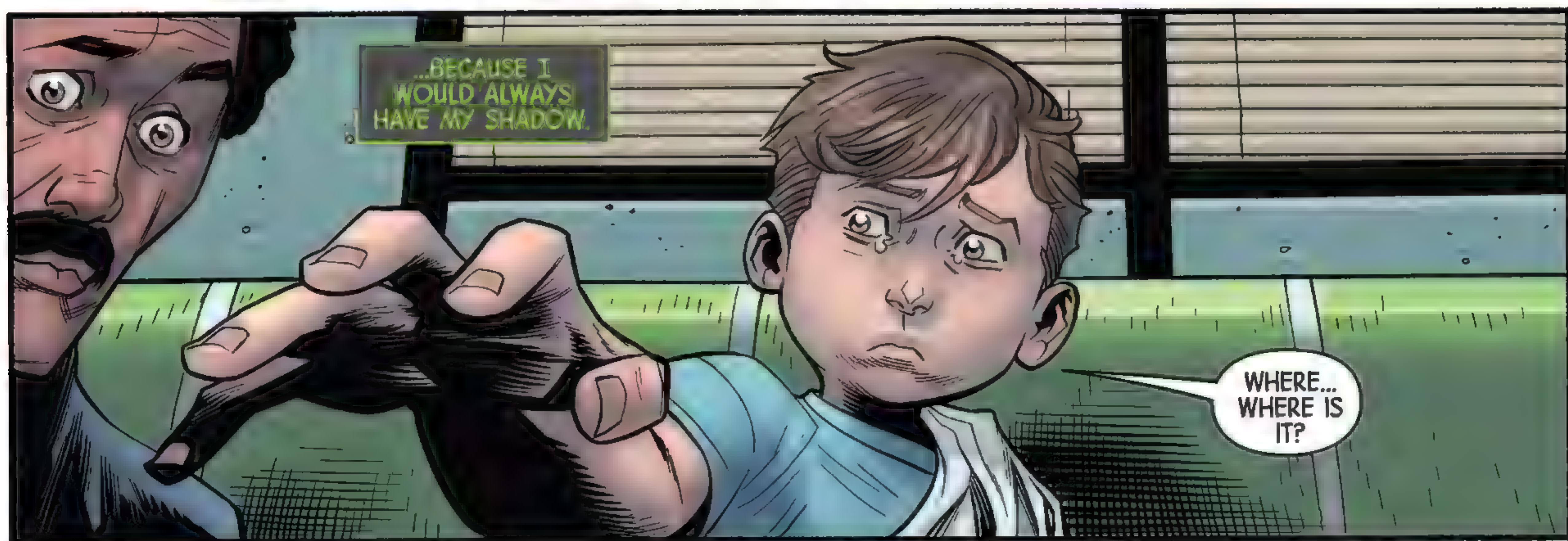
...ONLY TO
BE STOPPED BY
YOU.



WHenever I WAS AFRAID AFTER
THAT...WHEN THE OTHER KIDS WERE
MEAN, OR MY DAD WAS CRUEL...

I KNEW I
WAS OKAY

THAT I WAS
STRONG



...BECAUSE I
WOULD ALWAYS
HAVE MY SHADOW.

WHERE...
WHERE IS
IT?



HEY...
KID...

LISTEN
TO ME...

NO ONE
IS GOING
TO HURT
YOU HERE.

AND
MY SHADOW
COULDN'T
BE STOPPED



NOW:

BUT
THEN
IT WENT
AWAY



IN THE FLUORESCENT
LIGHTS OF THAT POLICE
STATION, I COULDN'T
FIND IT. I COULDN'T
FIND MY SHADOW.

SO I CLOSED MY
EYES, AND I HEARD
SOMEONE SAY THAT NO
ONE COULD HURT ME.

AND I KNEW
IT WAS A LIE.

THAT THE HURT
WAS ALWAYS GOING
TO BE THERE.



BECAUSE I DID
FIND IT, I FOUND MY
SHADOW AGAIN.

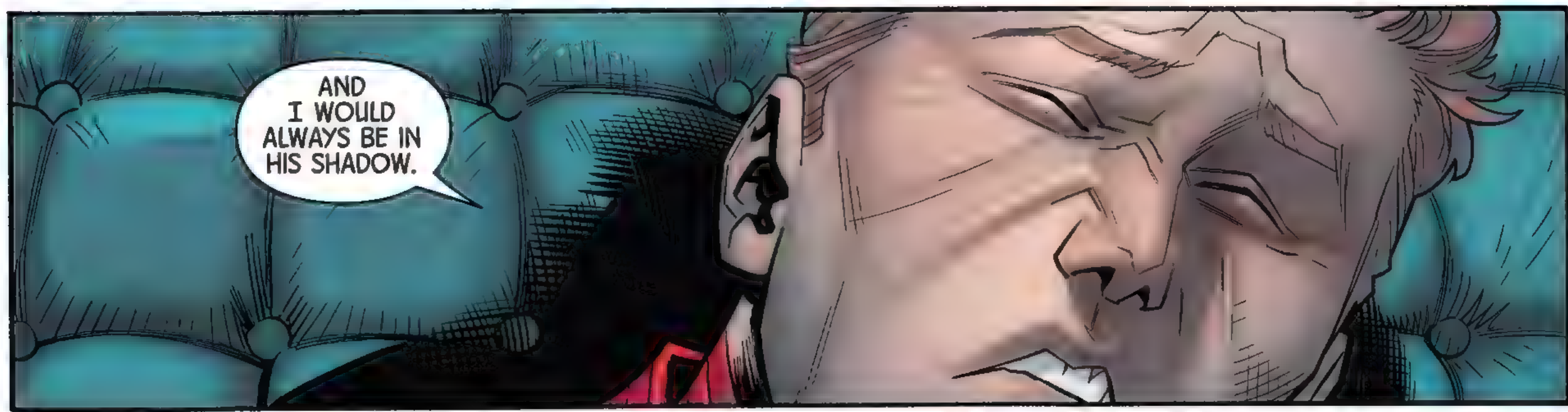
BUT WHEN I DID
IT WASN'T MY
SHADOW, NOT
ANYMORE.



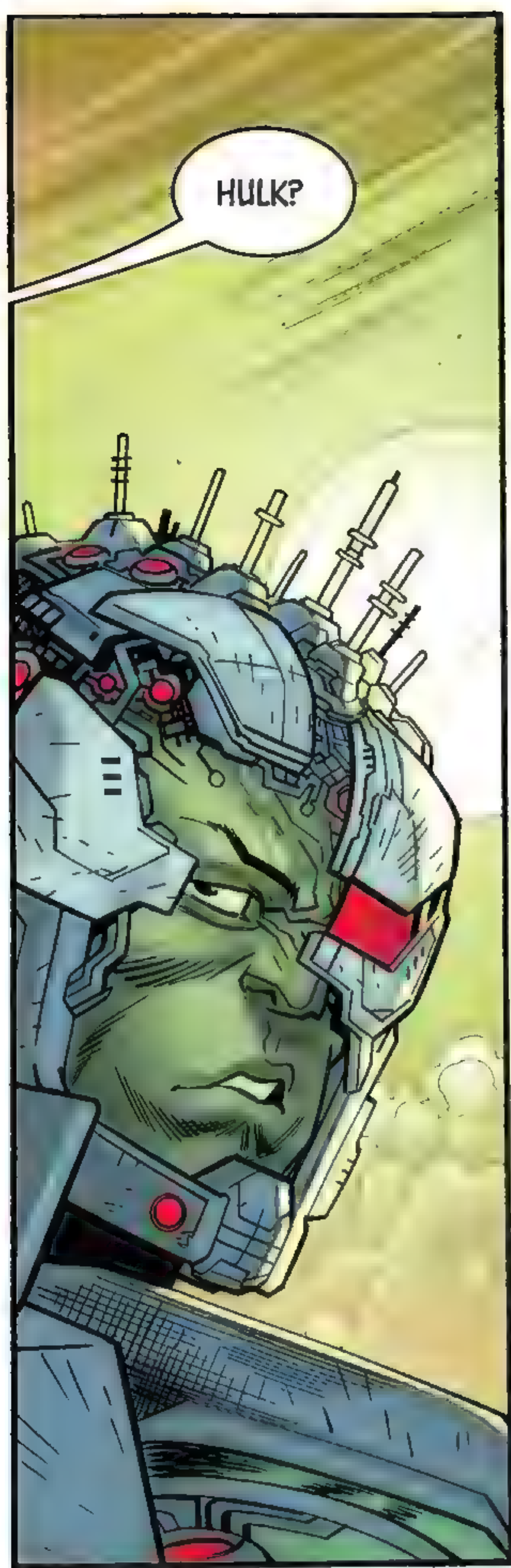
IT WAS
HIM.

HE HAD
BROKEN
THE SUN.

K R N C
H



AND
I WOULD
ALWAYS BE IN
HIS SHADOW.



HULK?



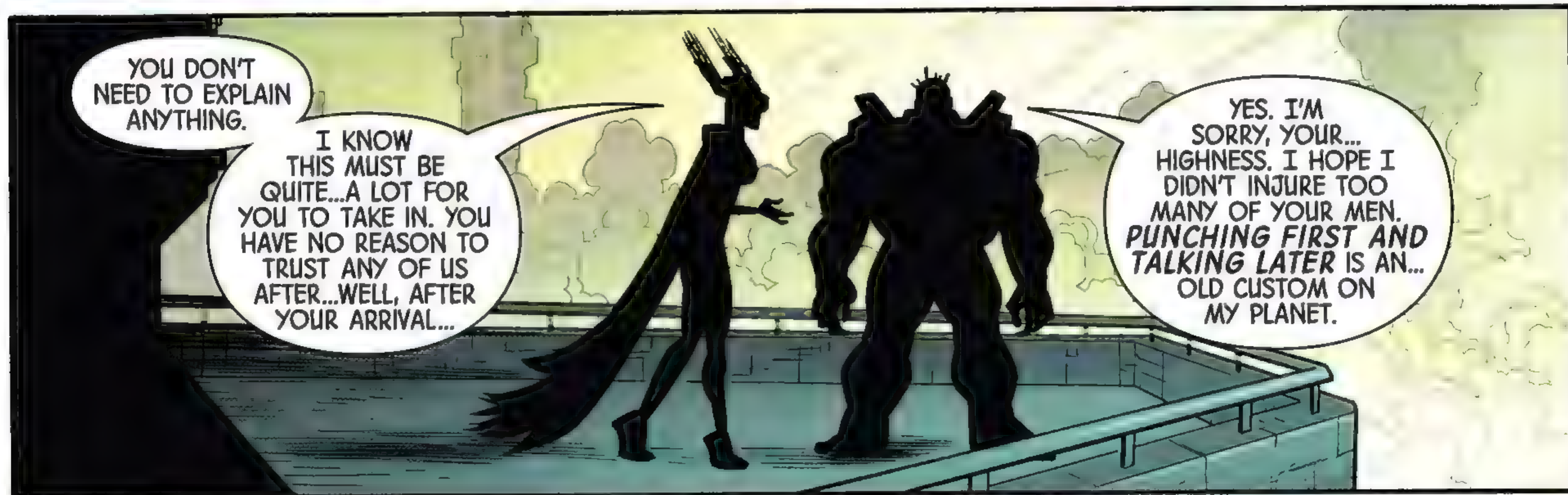
IS EVERYTHING
OKAY?



YES.
SORRY.

IT'S...
SAMSON.
THERAPY. I
HAVE TO...

YOU KNOW...
I DON'T ACTUALLY
KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN
THIS NOW THAT I'VE
STARTED TALKING...



YOU DON'T
NEED TO EXPLAIN
ANYTHING.

I KNOW
THIS MUST BE
QUITE...A LOT FOR
YOU TO TAKE IN. YOU
HAVE NO REASON TO
TRUST ANY OF US
AFTER...WELL, AFTER
YOUR ARRIVAL...

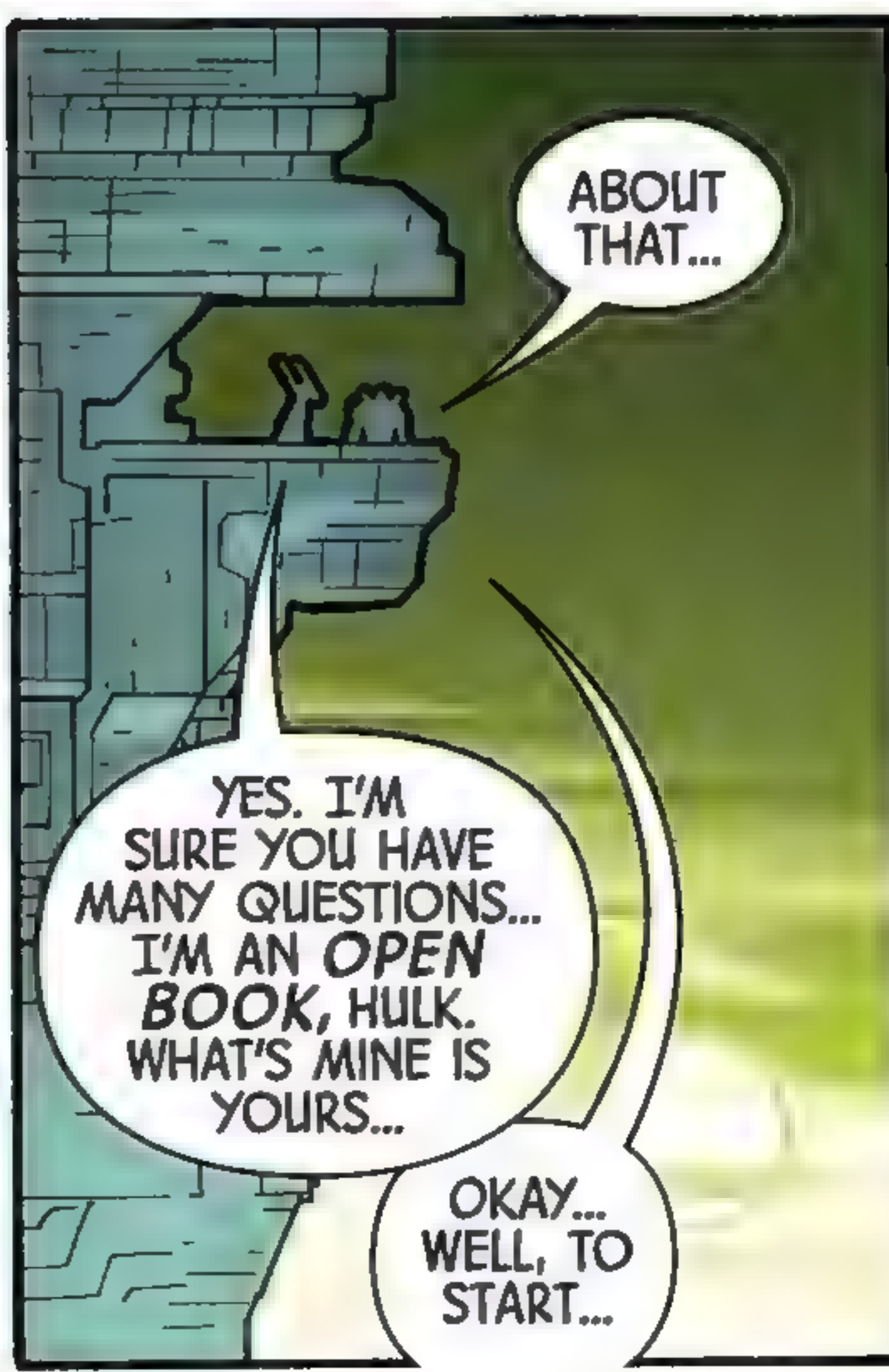
YES. I'M
SORRY, YOUR...
HIGHNESS. I HOPE I
DIDN'T INJURE TOO
MANY OF YOUR MEN.
**PUNCHING FIRST AND
TALKING LATER IS AN...**
OLD CUSTOM ON
MY PLANET.



OH, **THE GREYS?** THEY ARE FAR FROM
MY "MEN"--THEY ARE MORE **HUMAN**
THAN THEY ARE **US**. DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THEM.

I DON'T--

AND YOU
MAY JUST CALL ME
MONOLITH. THERE'S NO
NEED FOR THE FORMALITIES.
I INVITED YOU HERE.
YOU ARE MY GUEST.



ABOUT
THAT...

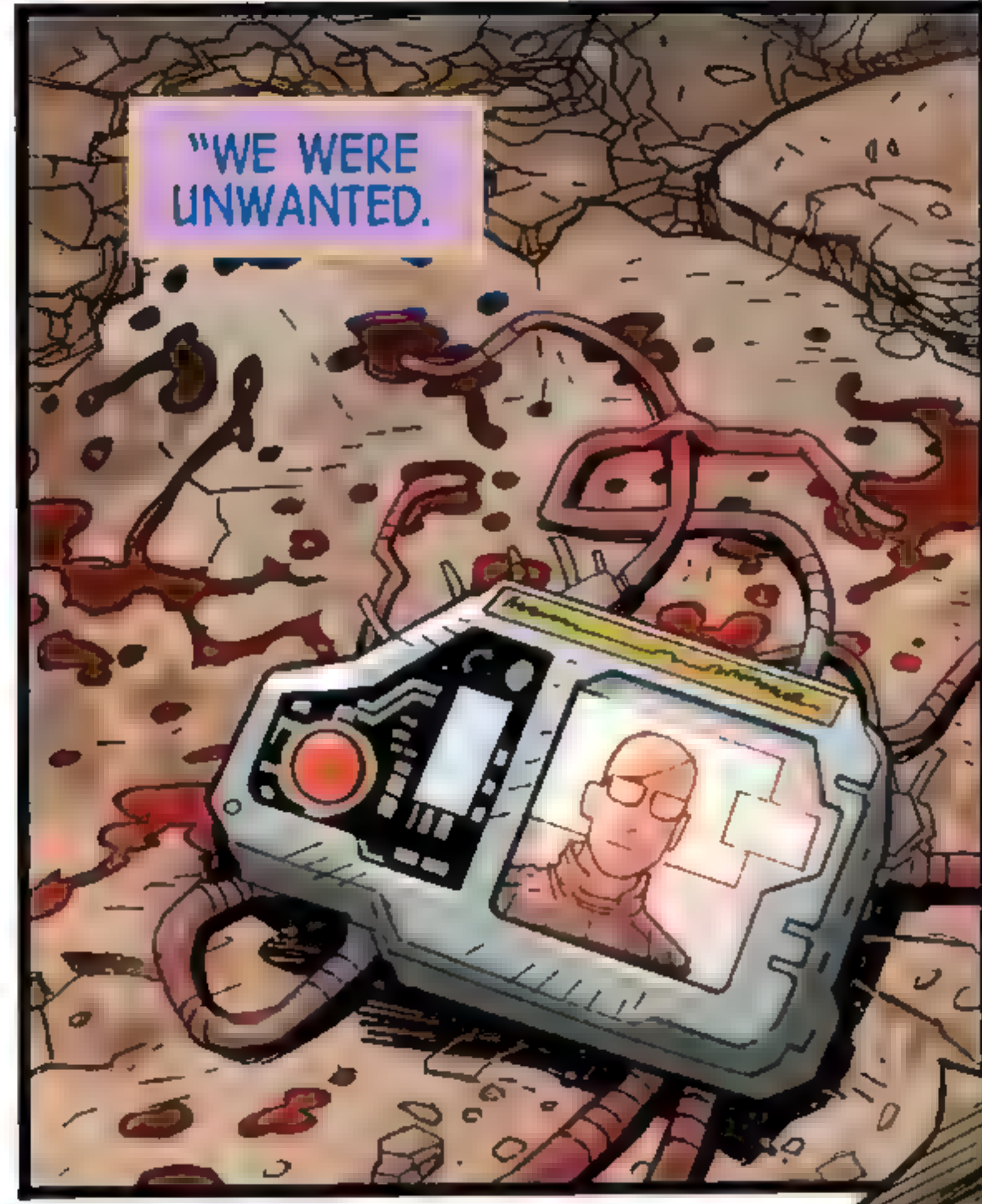
YES. I'M
SURE YOU HAVE
MANY QUESTIONS...
I'M AN **OPEN
BOOK**, HULK.
WHAT'S MINE IS
YOURS...

OKAY...
WELL, TO
START...



WHAT THE
HELL IS ALL
OF THIS?

YES...





"AND OH...



"...OH, HOW WE RAGED.



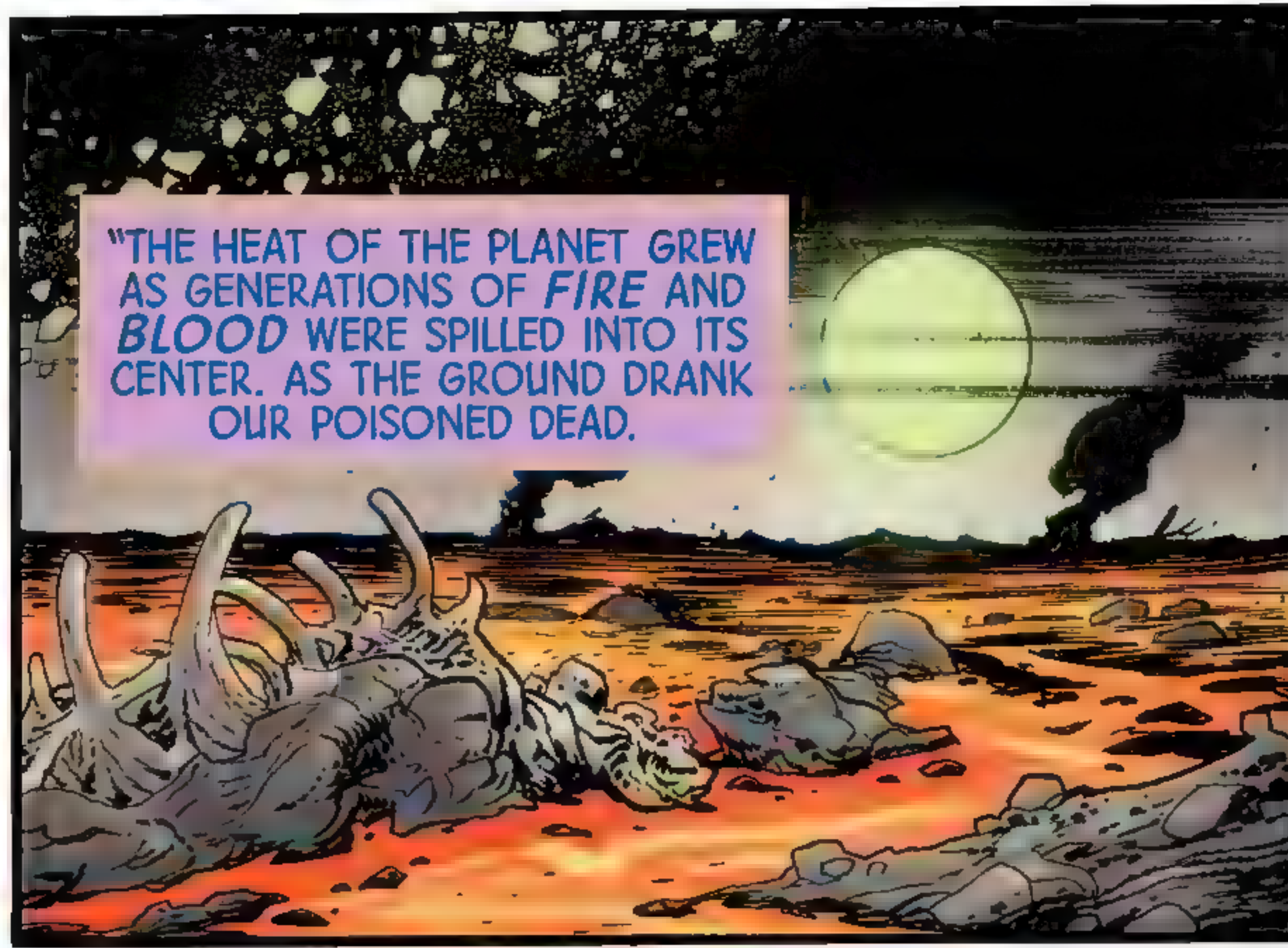
"WE BROKE THE MOUNTAINS.



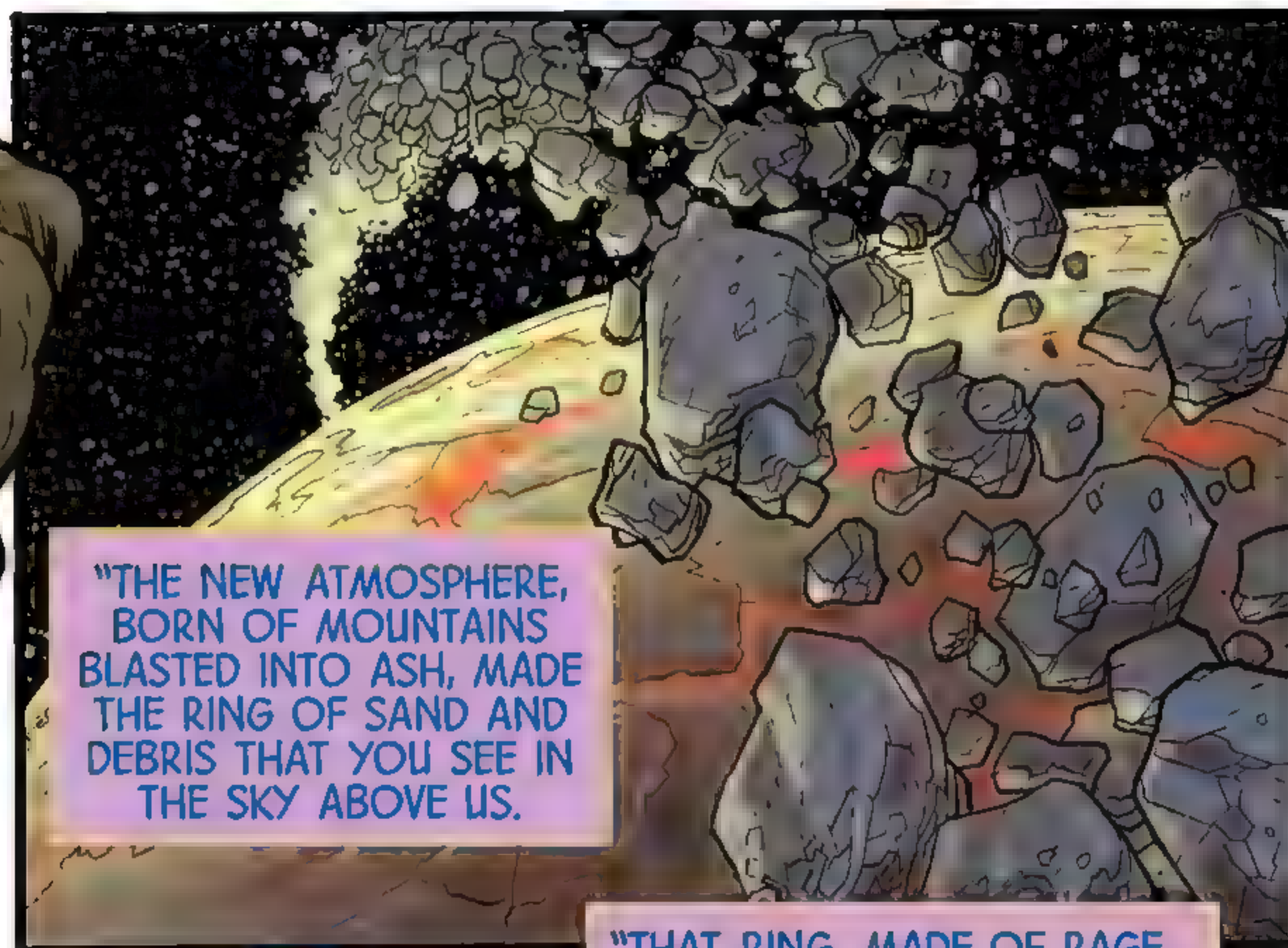
"WE TORE THE HILLS AND THE GREAT STONE SKELETONS OF ANCIENT MOLTEN CORE TO ASH WITH OUR HANDS.



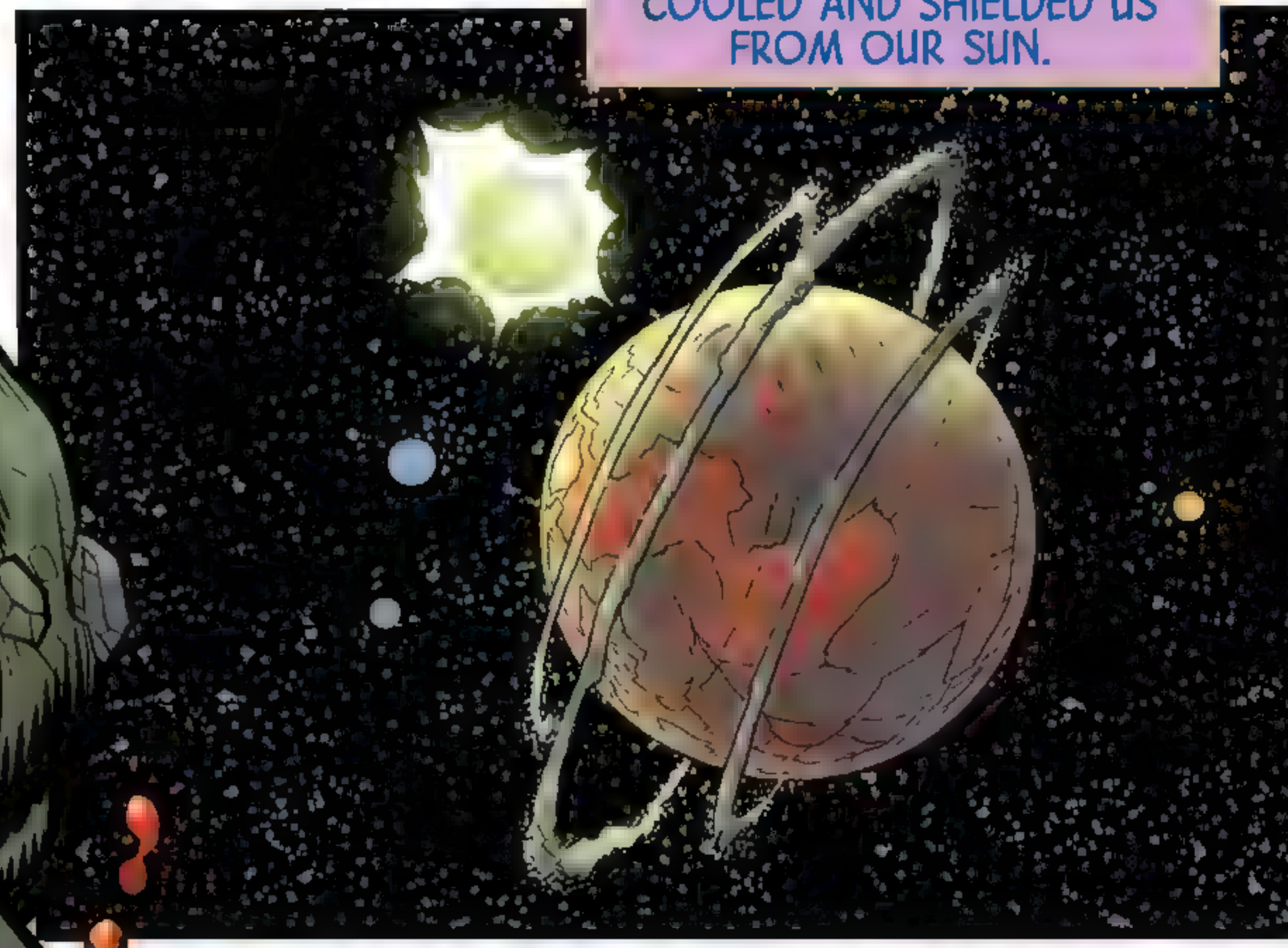
"IN OUR RAGING BEGINNINGS, WE RIPPED THE VERY PLANET NEARLY IN HALF WITH OUR HANDS.



"THE HEAT OF THE PLANET GREW AS GENERATIONS OF FIRE AND BLOOD WERE SPILLED INTO ITS CENTER. AS THE GROUND DRANK OUR POISONED DEAD.



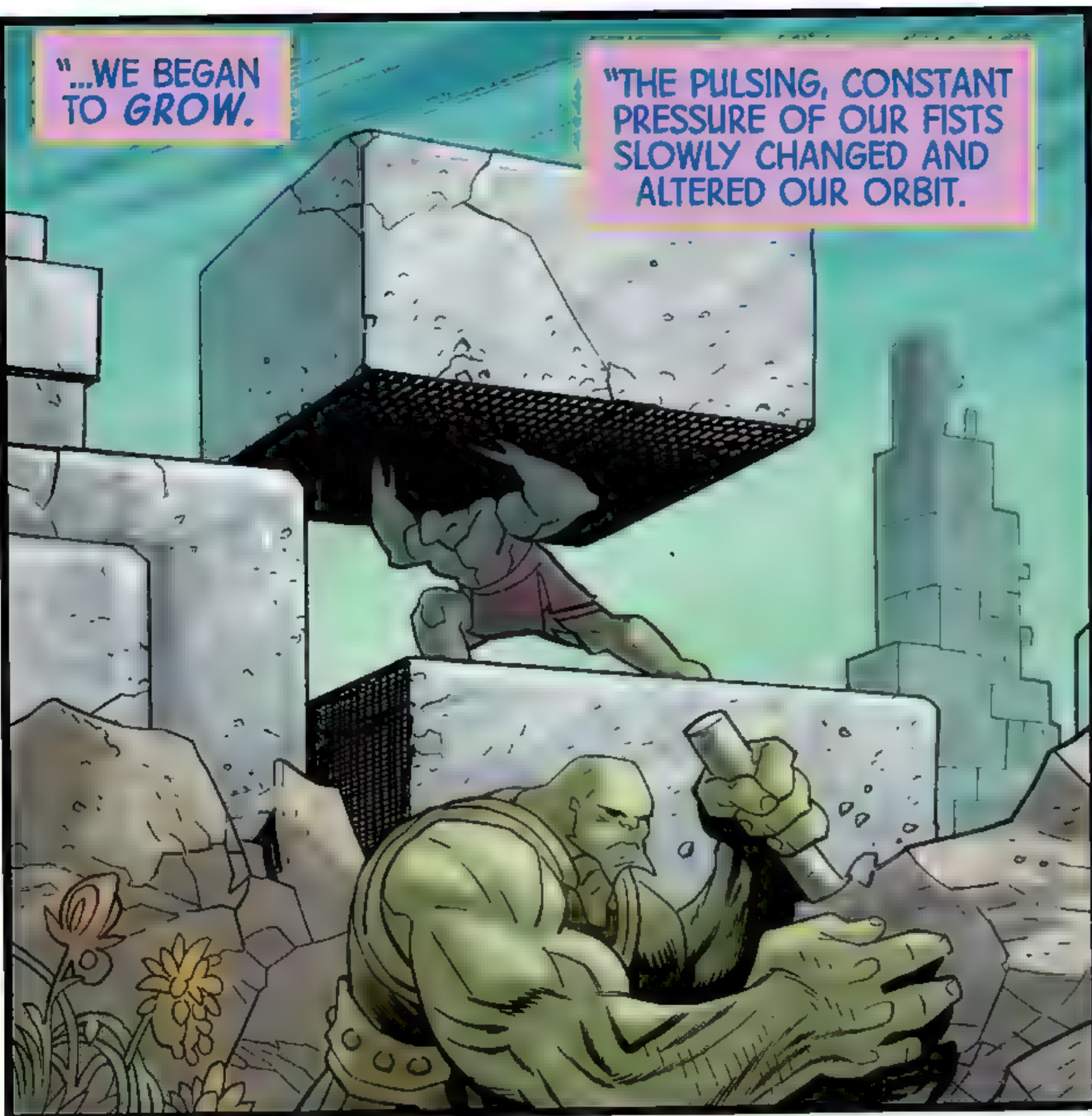
"THE NEW ATMOSPHERE, BORN OF MOUNTAINS BLASTED INTO ASH, MADE THE RING OF SAND AND DEBRIS THAT YOU SEE IN THE SKY ABOVE US.



"THAT RING...MADE OF RAGE... COOLED AND SHIELDED US FROM OUR SUN.



"AND BENEATH IT...



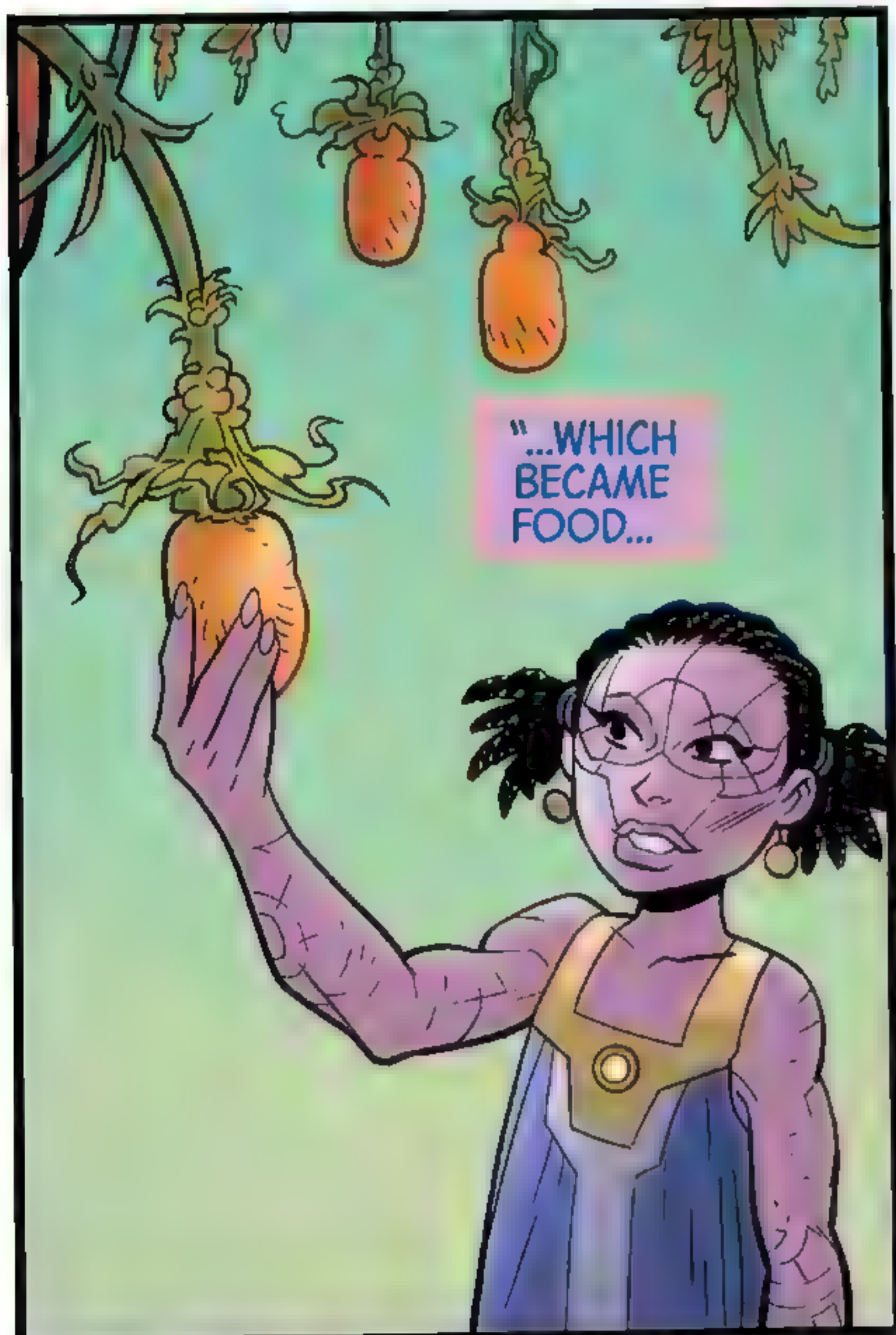
"...WE BEGAN
TO GROW.

"THE PULSING, CONSTANT
PRESSURE OF OUR FISTS
SLOWLY CHANGED AND
ALTERED OUR ORBIT.



"THE CYCLE OF LIFE
AND DEATH AND REBIRTH
SOAKED THE GROUND
BELOW US IN GAMMA
RADIATION.

"WHAT WAS
BLOOD BECAME
SOIL...



"...WHICH
BECAME
FOOD...



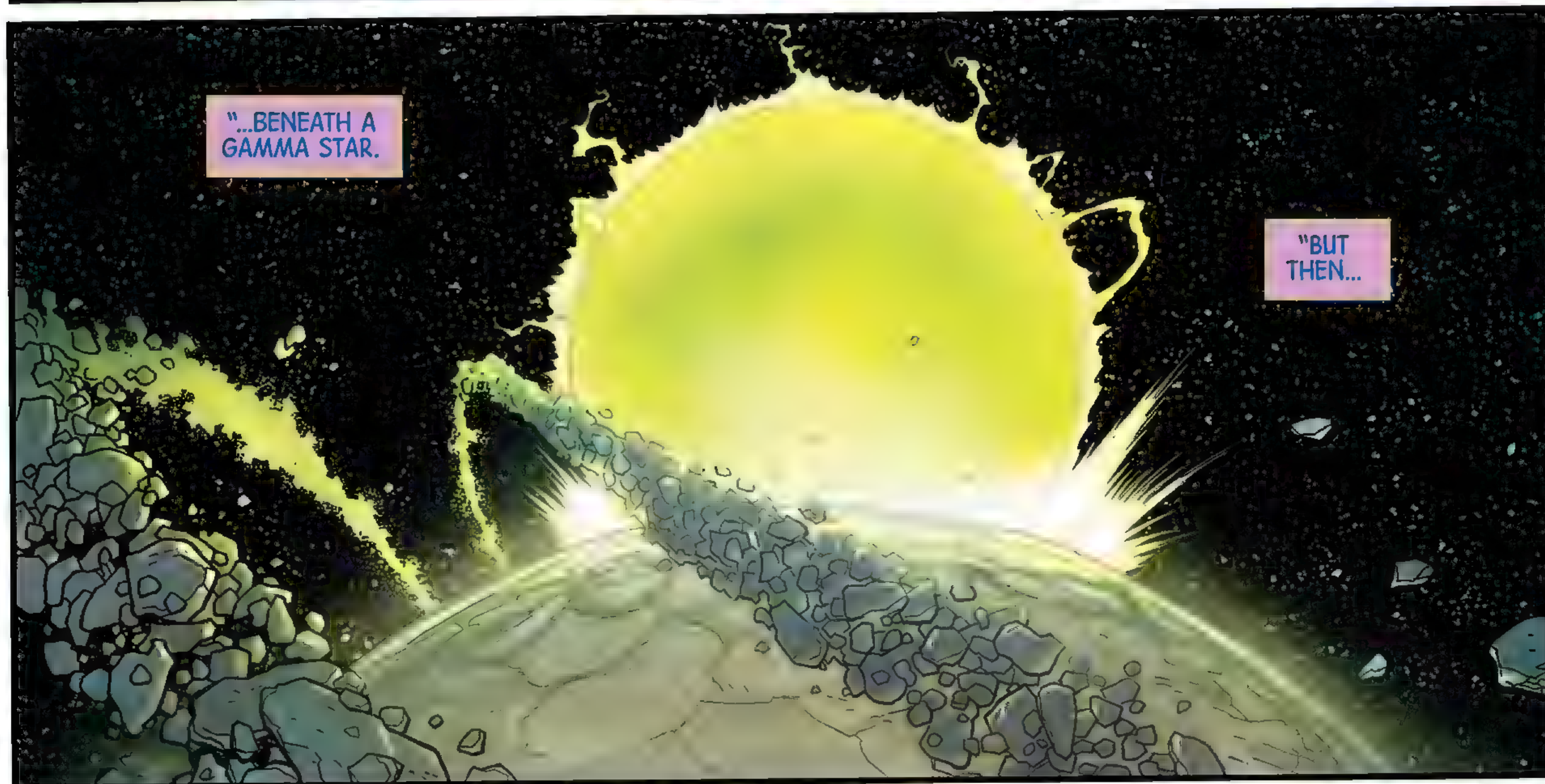
"...WHICH THEN ROSE INTO THE
SKY ON OUR SCREAMS AND
TERRAFORMED AN ENTIRE
PLANET MADE JUST...FOR US.

"A HEAVEN FOR
BROKEN ANGELS.



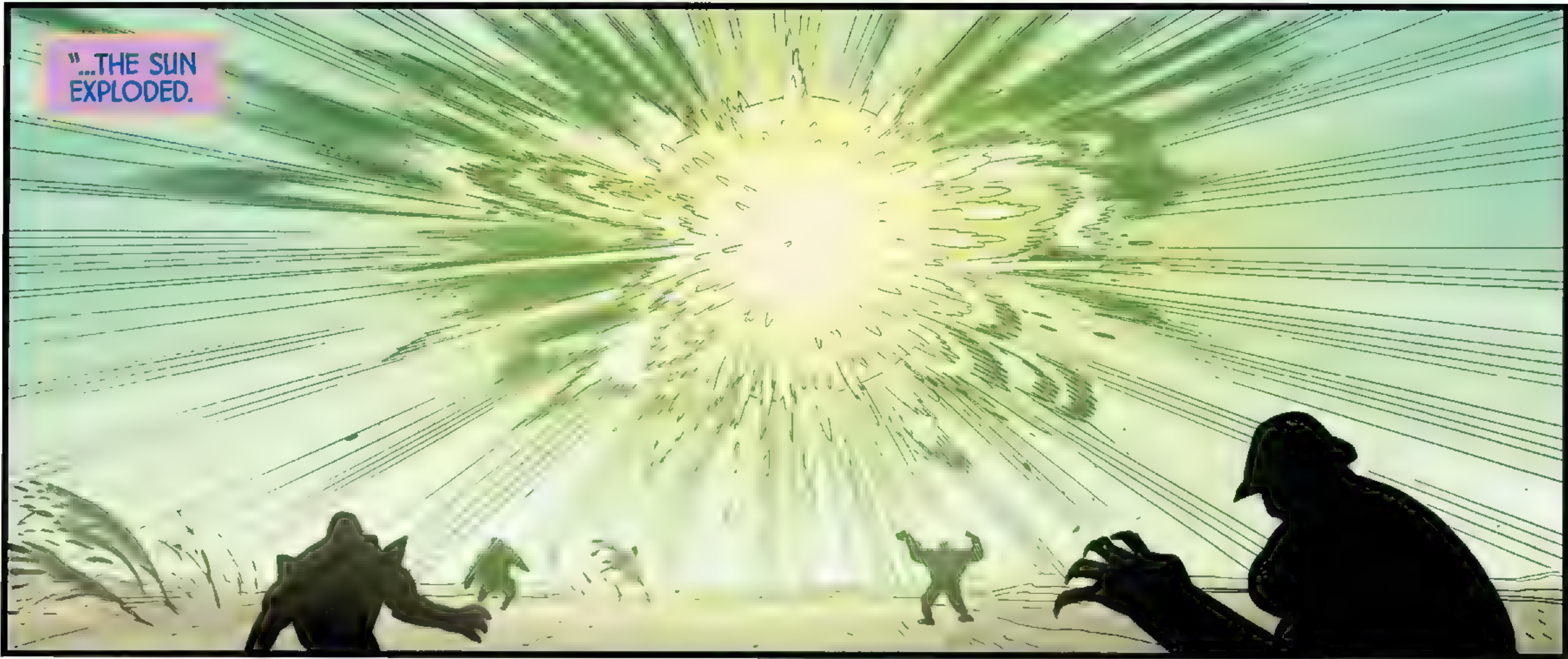
"BUILT
FROM RAGE.

"SO THAT WE
MAY KNOW PEACE...

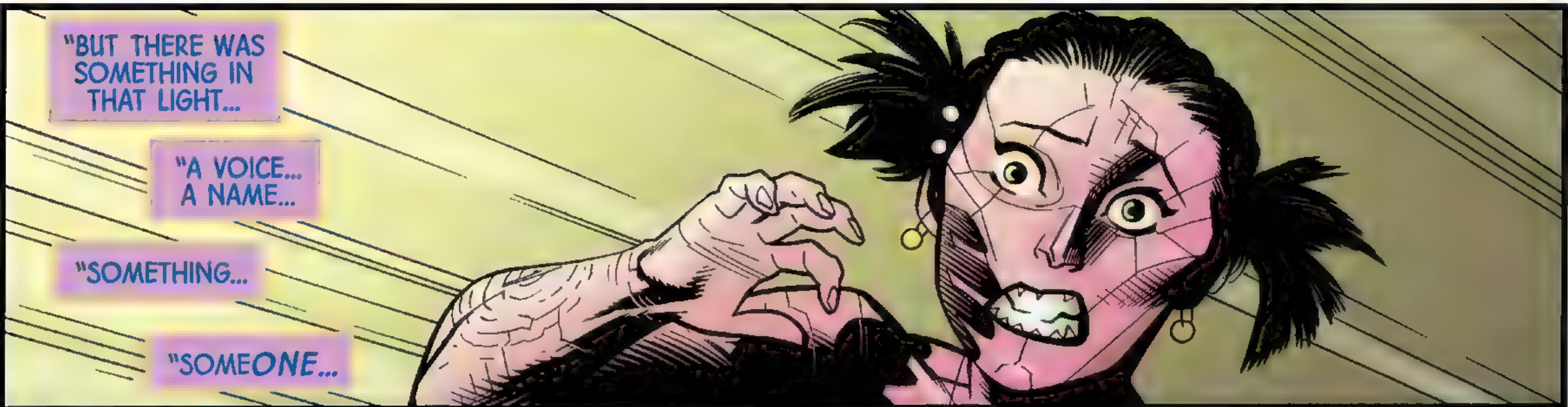


"...BENEATH A
GAMMA STAR.

"BUT
THEN...



"...THE SUN
EXPLODED.



"BUT THERE WAS
SOMETHING IN
THAT LIGHT...

"A VOICE...
A NAME...

"SOMETHING...

"SOMEONE...



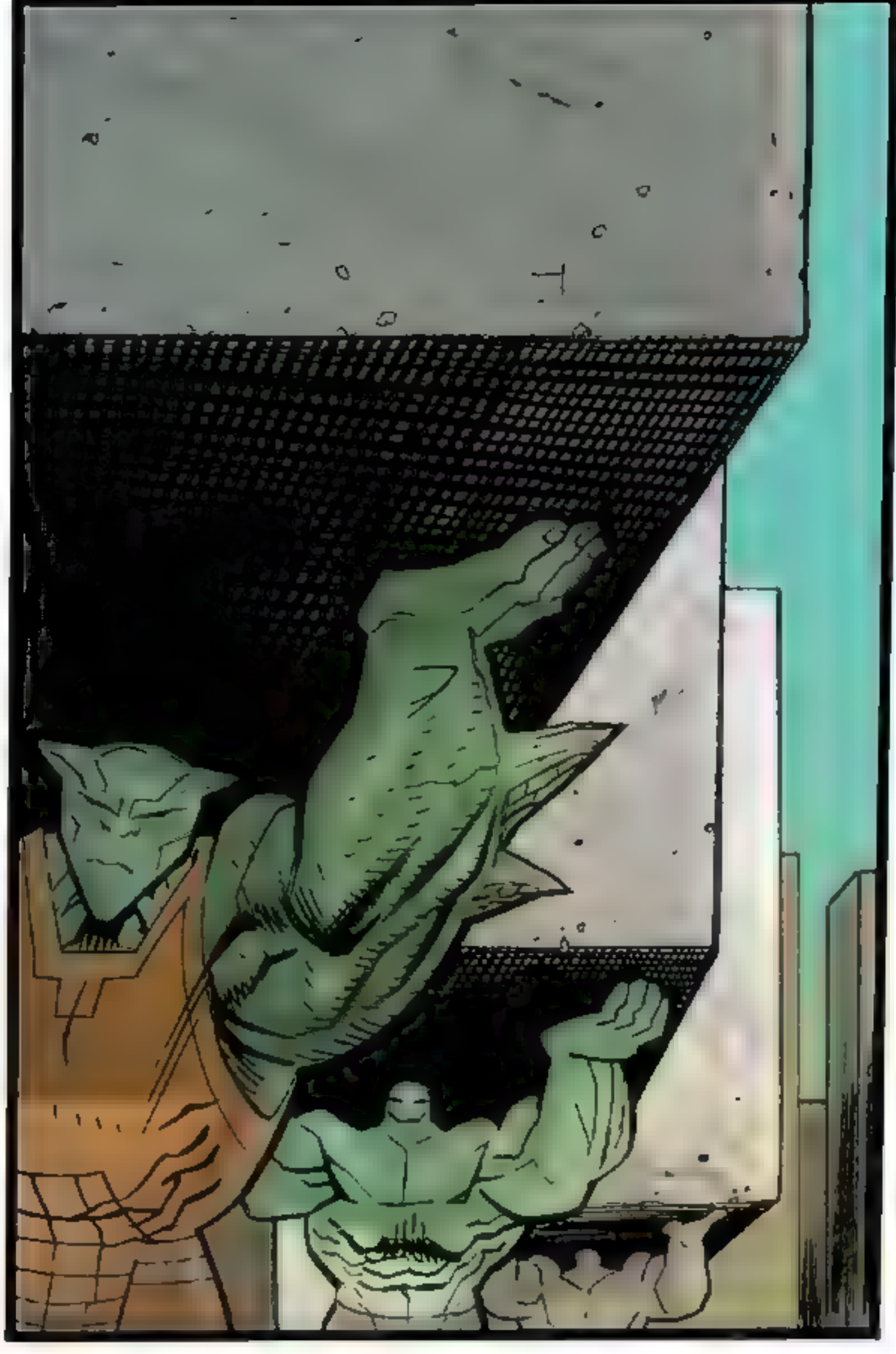
"YOU.

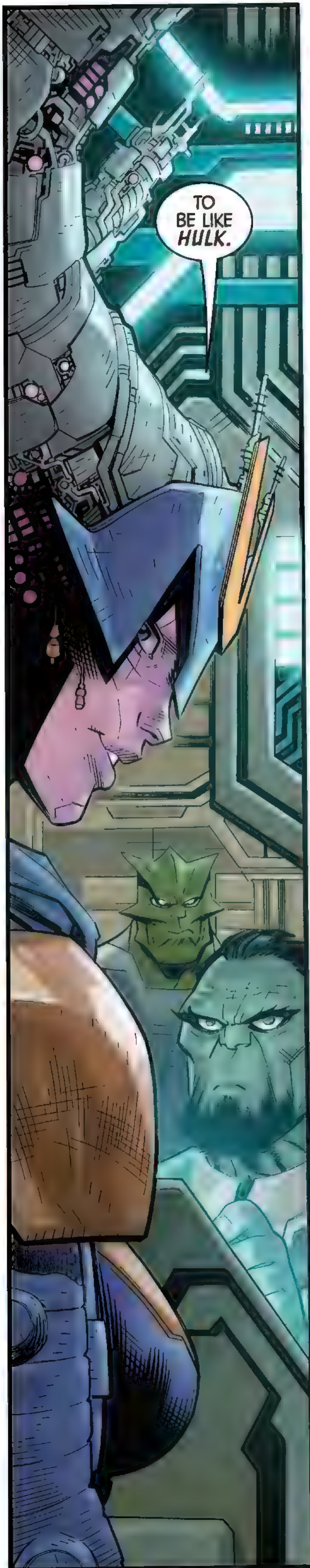
RAGHHHH!!!



"YOU
CHANGED
US.

RAGHHH!!!







SORRY.
THIS IS...A LOT
TO TAKE IN. AND
THAT...

MAN,
THAT WAS
HEAVY.
SO--



...
"HE-AVY"?

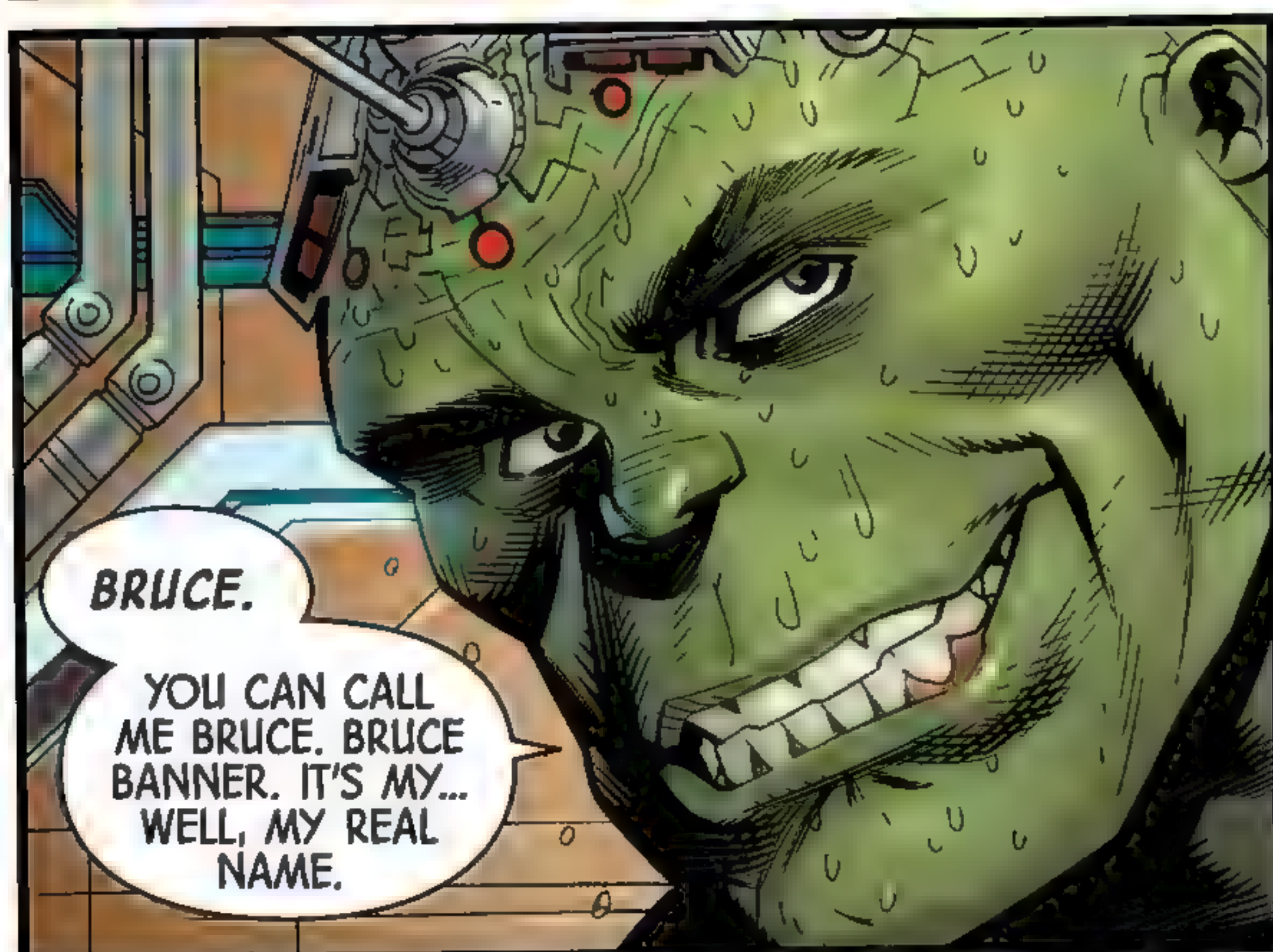


YEAH...UM, IT
WAS DIFFICULT TO
LIFT? HEAVY?

I'M SORRY,
HULK...I DON'T
UNDER--

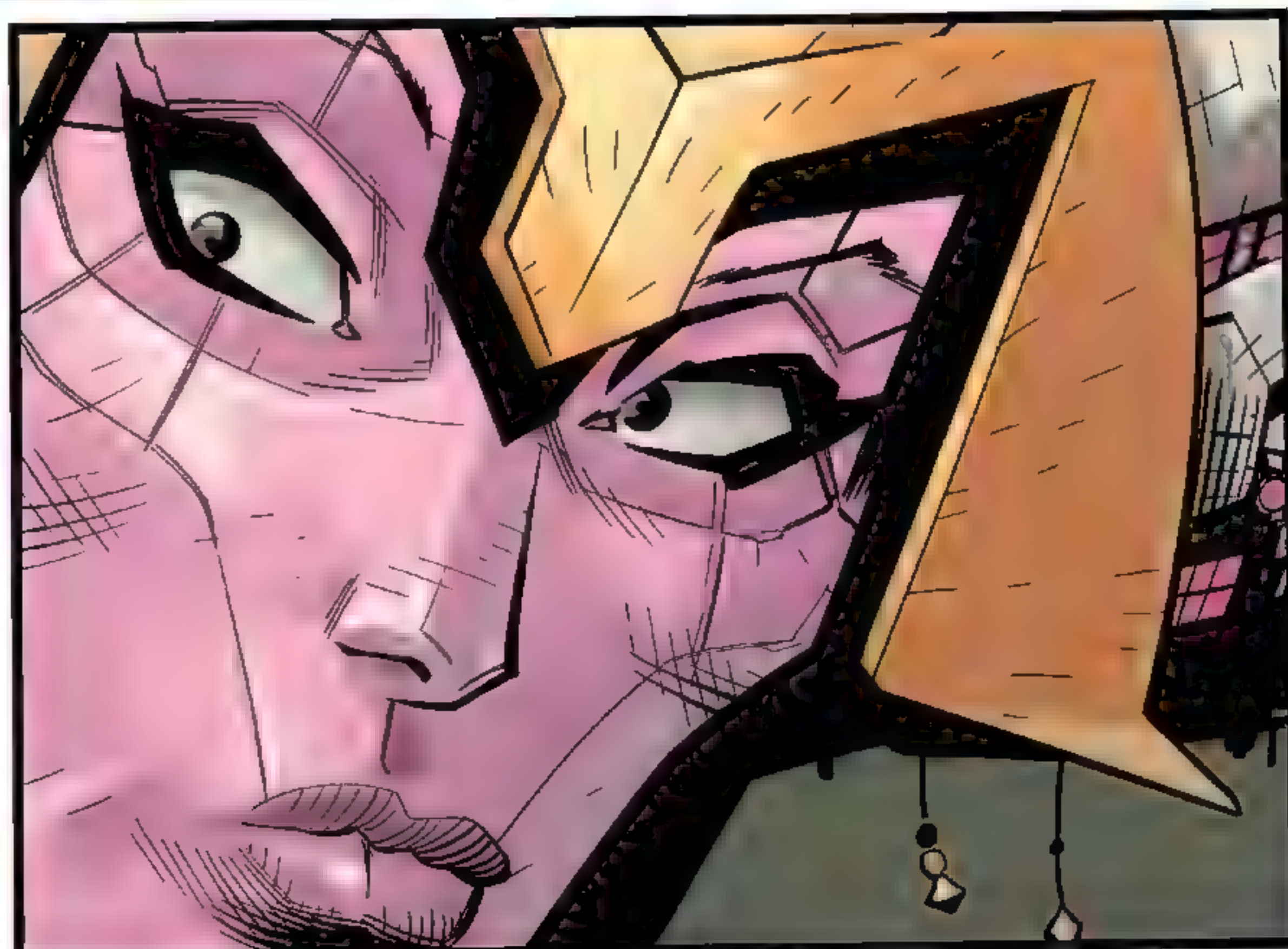
HA. WOW.
YEAH, OF COURSE
YOU WOULDN'T.

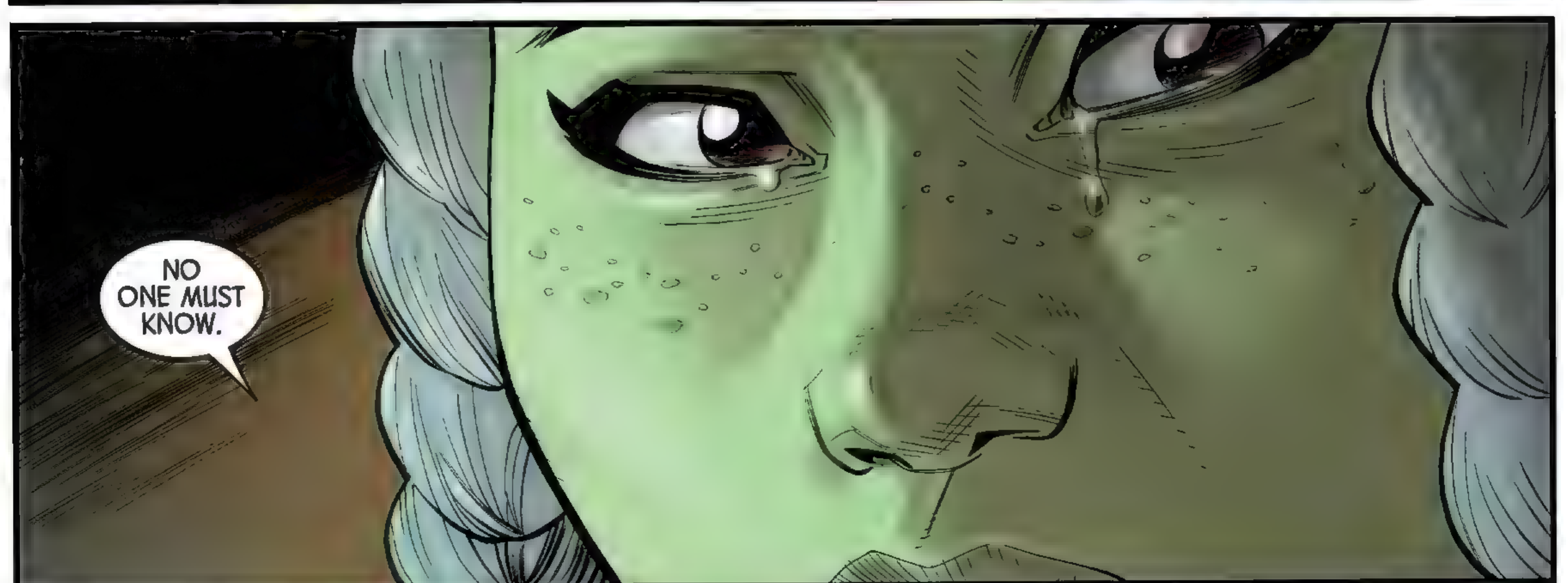
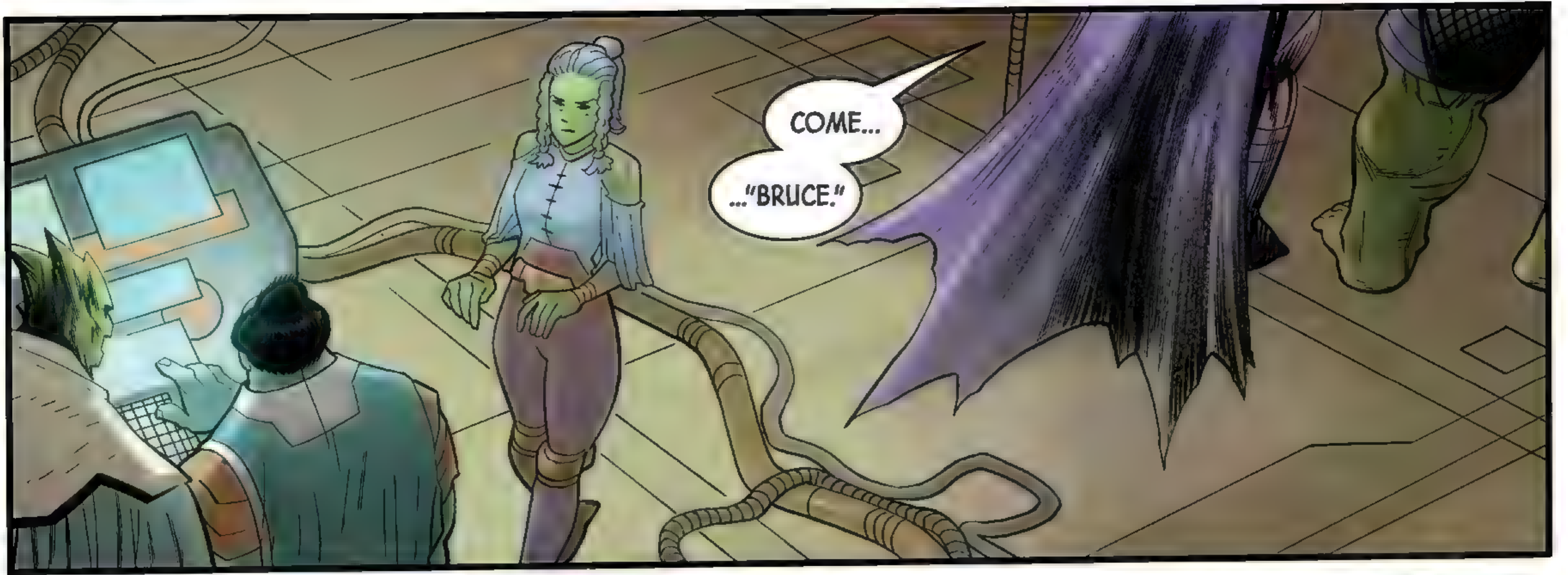
FORGET
ABOUT IT. AND
HEY...



BRUCE.

YOU CAN CALL
ME BRUCE. BRUCE
BANNER. IT'S MY...
WELL, MY REAL
NAME.





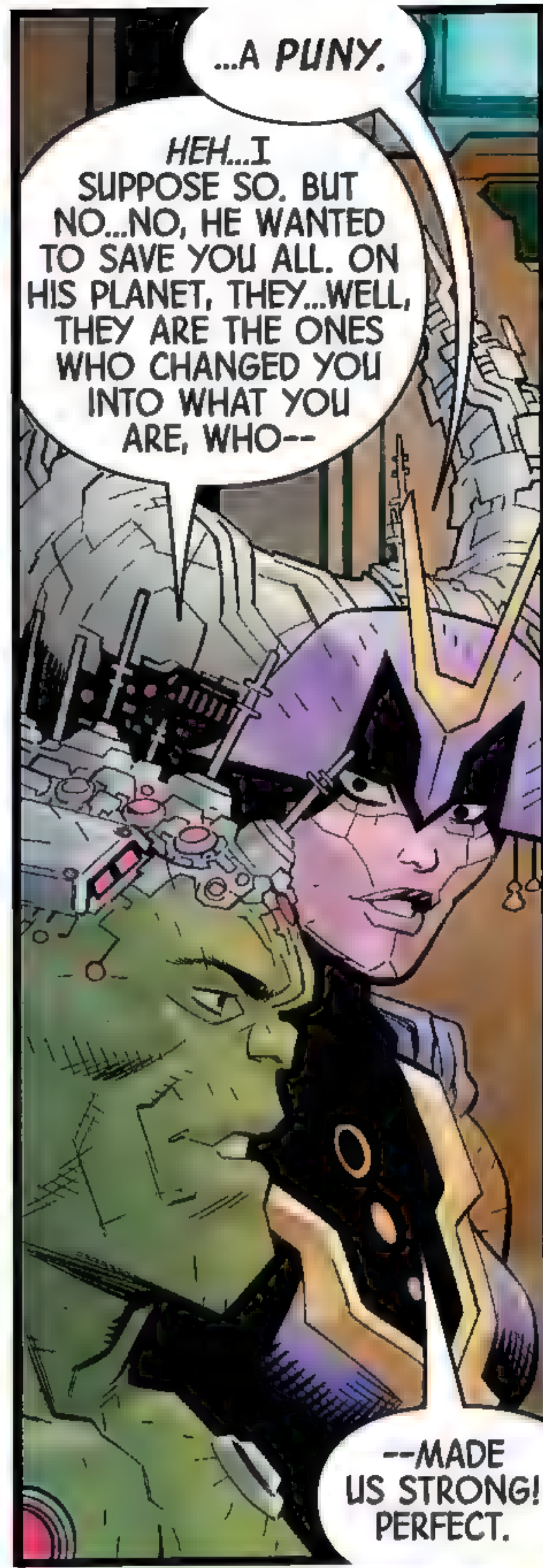


--THERE WAS
A VERSION OF ME.
A **DIFFERENT**
VERSION. A MAN. A
MAN WHO
NEVER--

"MAN"?

YES. HE...
HE NEVER
BECAME WHAT
WE ARE.

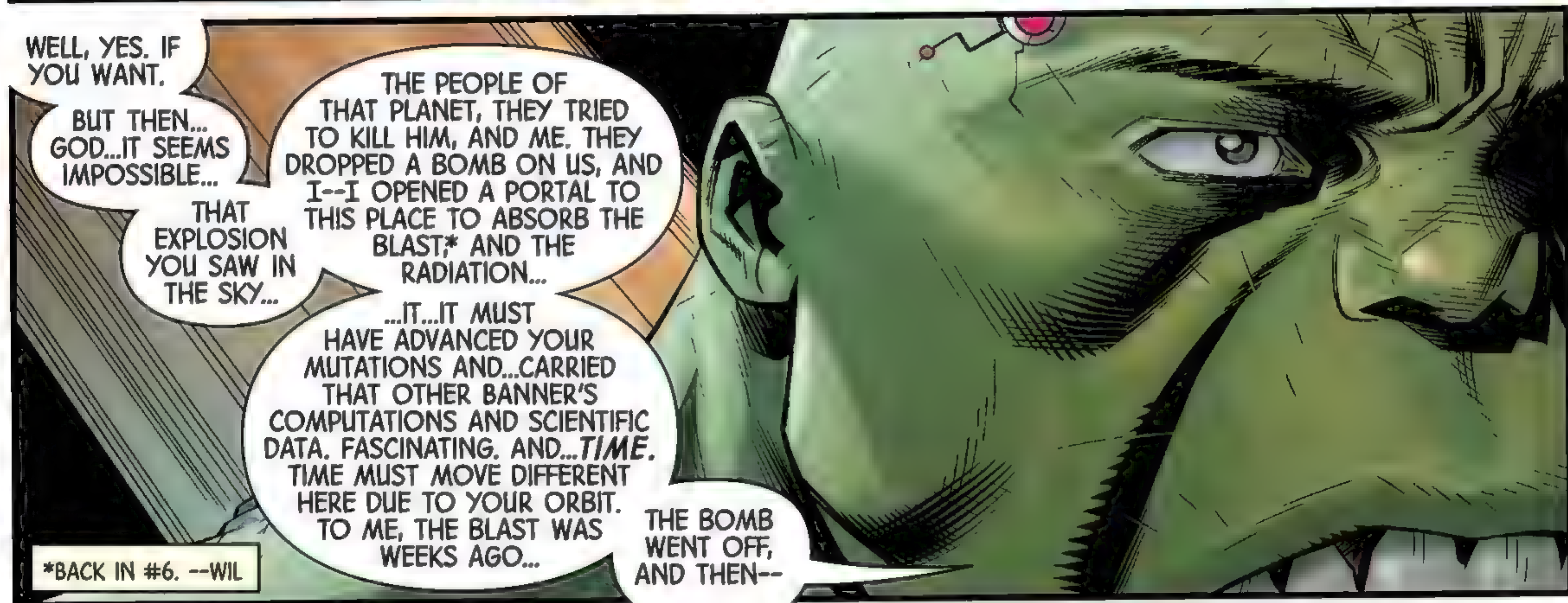
AH. A
GREY THEN.
OR, HOW YOU
WOULD
SAY...



...A **PUNY**.

HEH...I
SUPPOSE SO. BUT
NO...NO, HE WANTED
TO SAVE YOU ALL. ON
HIS PLANET, THEY...WELL,
THEY ARE THE ONES
WHO CHANGED YOU
INTO WHAT YOU
ARE, WHO--

--MADE
US STRONG!
PERFECT.



WELL, YES. IF
YOU WANT.

BUT THEN...
GOD...IT SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE...

THAT
EXPLOSION
YOU SAW IN
THE SKY...

THE PEOPLE OF
THAT PLANET, THEY TRIED
TO KILL HIM, AND ME. THEY
DROPPED A BOMB ON US, AND
I--I OPENED A PORTAL TO
THIS PLACE TO ABSORB THE
BLAST* AND THE
RADIATION...

...IT...IT MUST
HAVE ADVANCED YOUR
MUTATIONS AND...CARRIED
THAT OTHER BANNER'S
COMPUTATIONS AND SCIENTIFIC
DATA. FASCINATING. AND...**TIME**.
TIME MUST MOVE DIFFERENT
HERE DUE TO YOUR ORBIT.
TO ME, THE BLAST WAS
WEEKS AGO...

THE BOMB
WENT OFF,
AND THEN--

*BACK IN #6. --WIL



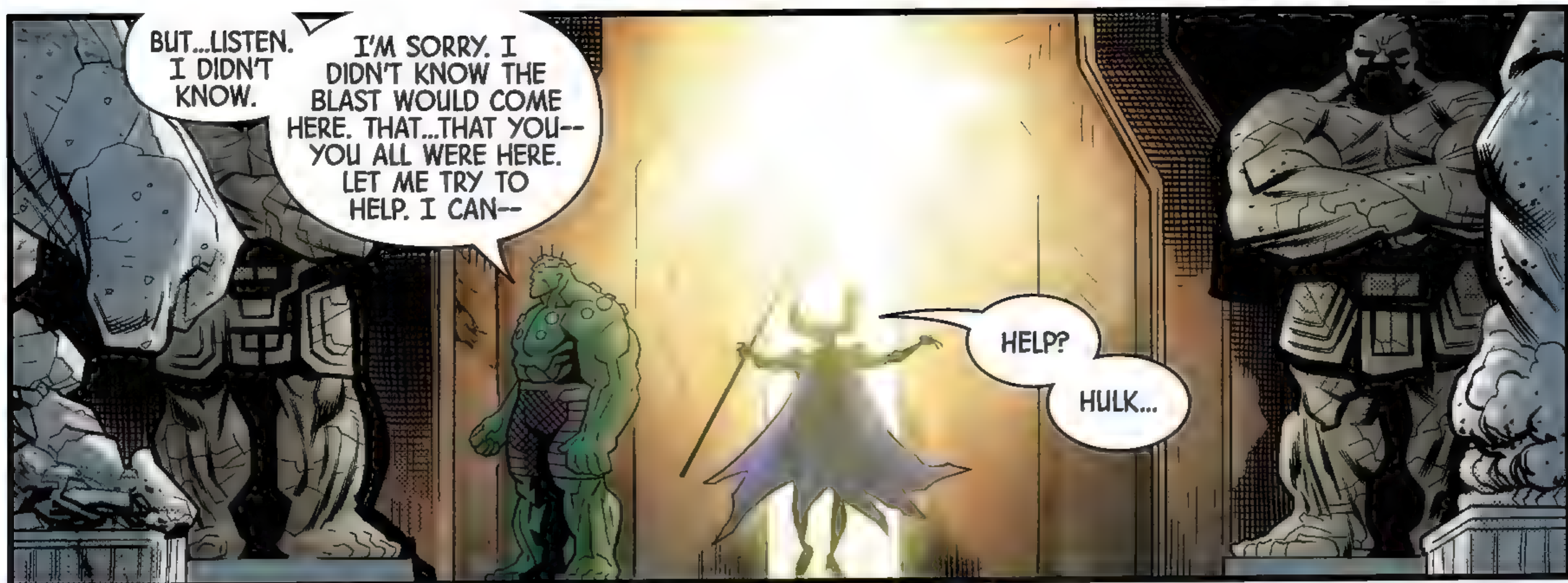
YES!
AND THEN YOU
CAME TO US, BUT
HAMMER SATAN
TRIED TO STOP
YOU--



--AND
SO YOU TORE
HIM IN HALF AND
MADE THE
RIVERS WITH HIS
BLOOD.

WE COULD
HEAR HIS CRIES
IN THUNDER
EVEN HERE.

...
...YES.
YES, I DID. I
KILLED **HAMMER SATAN**.



BUT...LISTEN.
I DIDN'T
KNOW.

I'M SORRY. I
DIDN'T KNOW THE
BLAST WOULD COME
HERE. THAT...THAT YOU--
YOU ALL WERE HERE.
LET ME TRY TO
HELP. I CAN--

HELP?

HULK...

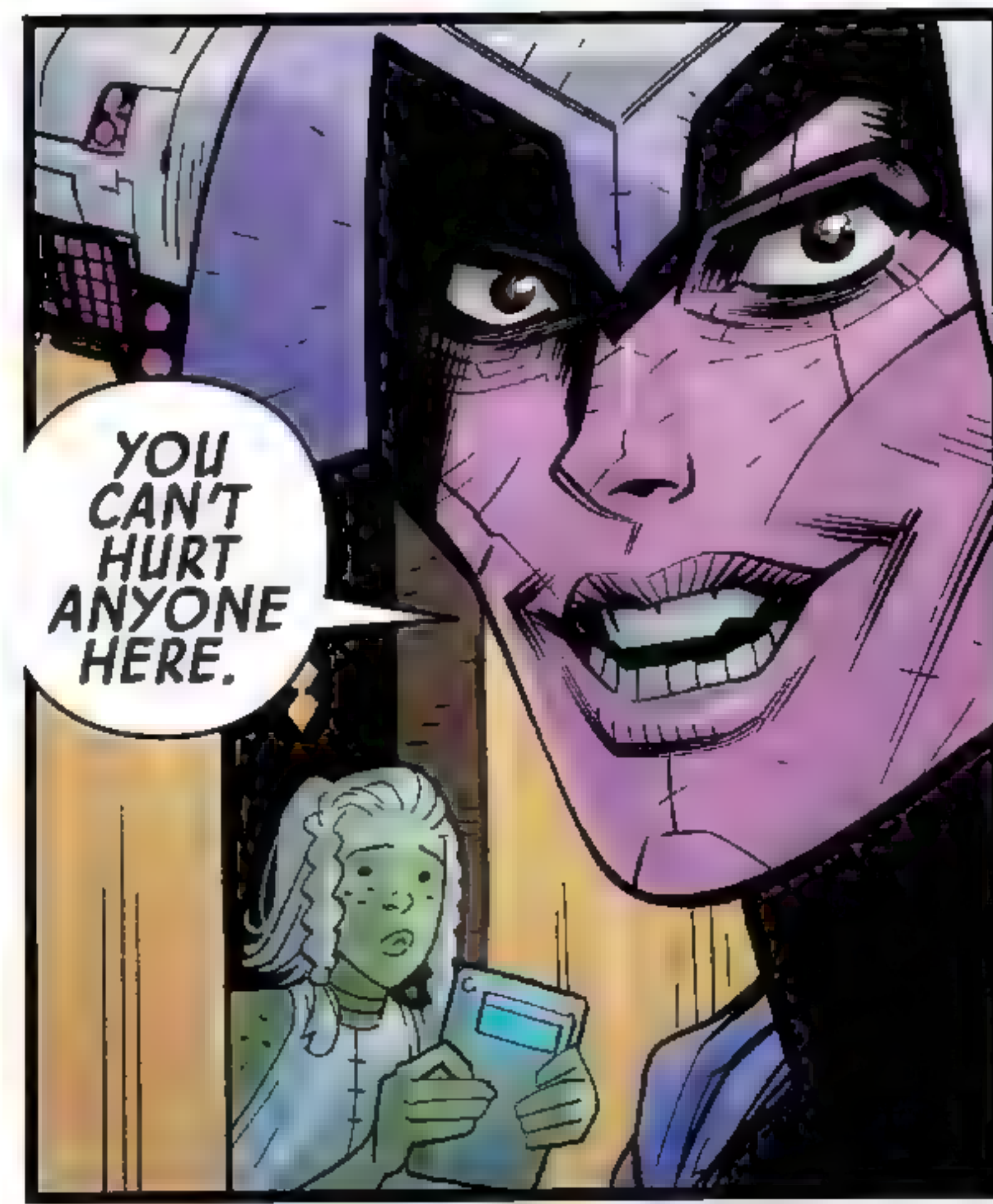


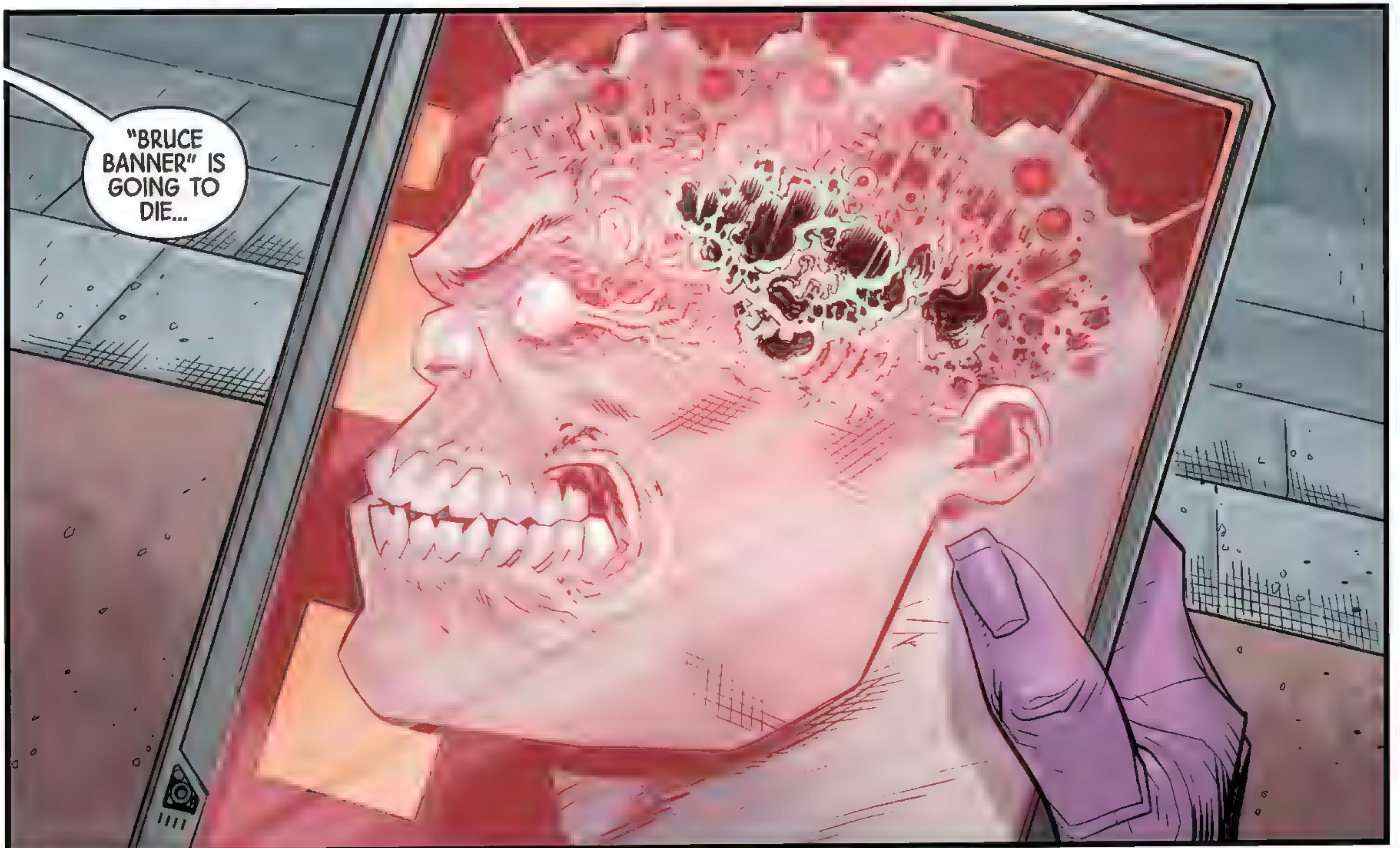
...HEAVEN
DOES NOT
NEED HELP.

HULK
♥ ♥



YOU
ARE HOME
NOW.







HULK #11



WE WELCOME HULK, OUR
NEWEST MEMBER, TO THE
OFFICIAL **GODBALL** GAMES.
THANK YOU FOR
JOINING US.

WE HOPE
TO WITNESS YOUR
STRENGTH FIRSTHAND, AS
IT'S SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN
TOLD IS UNSTOPPABLE
AND QUITE THE FORCE
TO BEHOLD!



BUT...YOU LOOK JUST LIKE MY
3-DAY-OLD NEPHEW NEXT TO US,
SO I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THE
STORIES TOLD WERE A BUNCH OF
MYTHS AND EXAGGERATIONS AND
THAT YOU MIGHT ACTUALLY
DIE OUT HERE--

--WHICH WILL FORCE
US TO **TEAR DOWN** YOUR
STATUE AND REBUILD ONE OF
MY 3-DAY-OLD NEPHEW AS
THE NEW MIGHTIEST
OF THEM ALL.



BRUTAL, PLEASE! HE'S OUR
GUEST! LET'S GIVE HIM A CHANCE
BEFORE WE PLACE JUDGMENTS
UPON HIM. HE IS MIGHTY--MANY
OF US SAW IT IN THE GREAT
DOWNLOAD.*

WE SAW HIS
PAST. WE SAW THE FOES
HE HAS FACED. HULK HAS
LIVED A LIFE NONE OF US
HAVE LIVED, HE HAS HAD
EXPERIENCES NONE OF US
HAVE EXPERIENCED. WE WILL
LEARN MUCH FROM
HIM TODAY.

*LAST ISSUE. --WIL



→SIGH← WHY DID I SAY YES TO THIS?
IF I ACCIDENTALLY **KILL THEM**, I'LL
BE BANISHED. IF I GO **EASY ON**
THEM, THEY'LL THINK I'M WEAK
AND WALK ALL OVER ME.

YOU HAVE
NOTHING TO PROVE
TO THEM, SIR. YOU
WANTED TO FIND A PLACE OF
REFUGE--WE MIGHT HAVE FOUND
IT. PLAY THE GAME. HAVE
FUN. IT'S LIKE MONOLITH SAID--
YOU CAN'T HURT ANYONE HERE.



YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU'RE ALSO **ME**,
WHICH MEANS **I'M**
RIGHT. I GUESS
I'LL--

IS HE EVEN
LISTENING?!



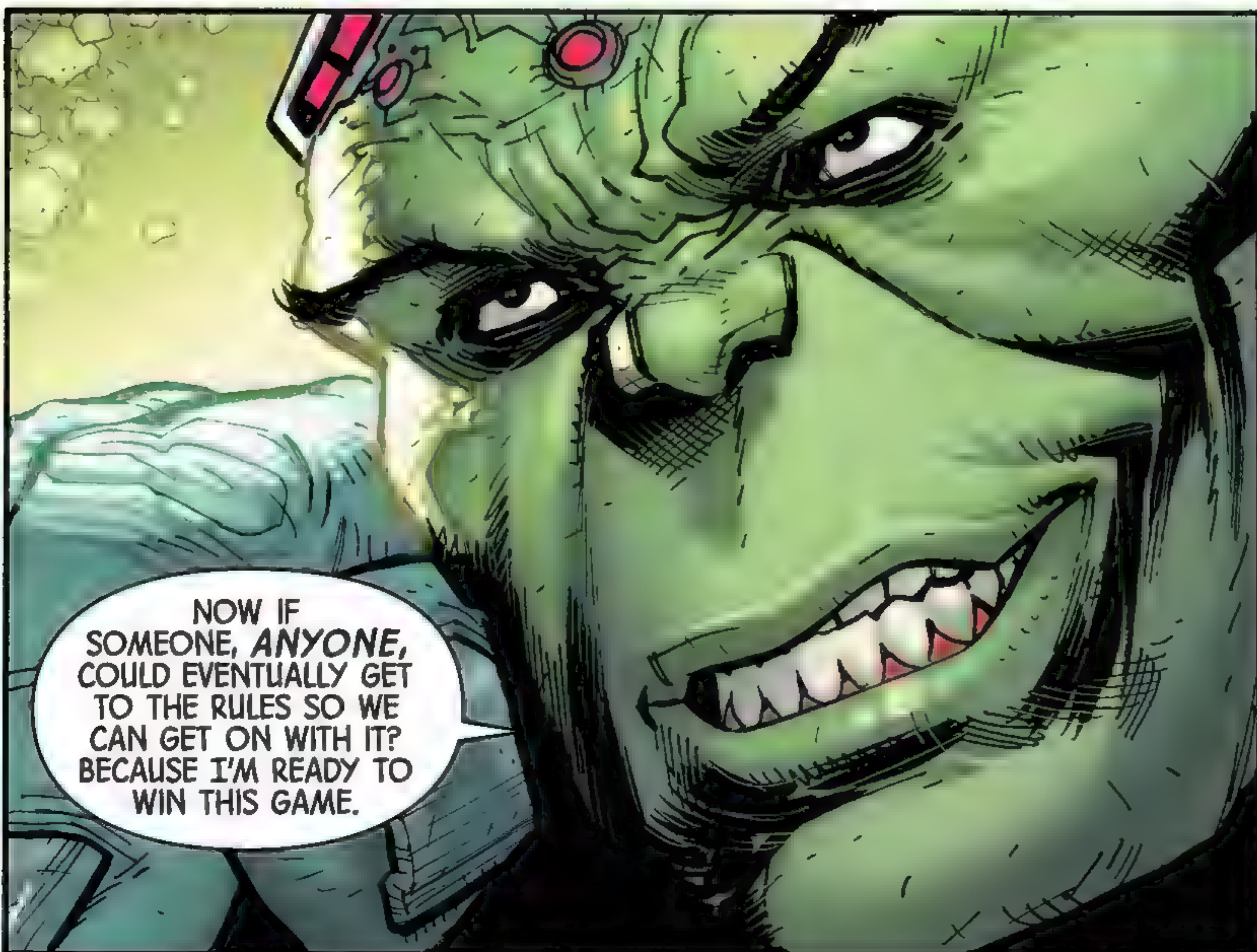
THE STRONGEST
BEING IN THE UNIVERSE,
YET HE STANDS HERE
DAYDREAMING ABOUT
BERRYSLOW AND
STICKWORM JUICE?!



WELL, BRUTAL...
I'VE NEVER TASTED
BERRYSLOW OR STICKWORM
JUICE, BUT TO BE HONEST, I'D
LOVE TO TRY. I'D LOVE TO
EXPERIENCE *MANY* THINGS ON
YOUR WONDERFUL PLANET,
GODBALL BEING ONE
OF THEM.

I'M EXCITED
TO GET TO KNOW
YOU ALL, TO FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT YOUR
WORLD AND WAY
OF LIVING.

AND I HOPE
YOU ALL CAN ACCEPT
ME AND MAYBE SOMEDAY
SEE ME AS ONE OF YOUR
OWN. I WOULD LIKE
THAT VERY MUCH.

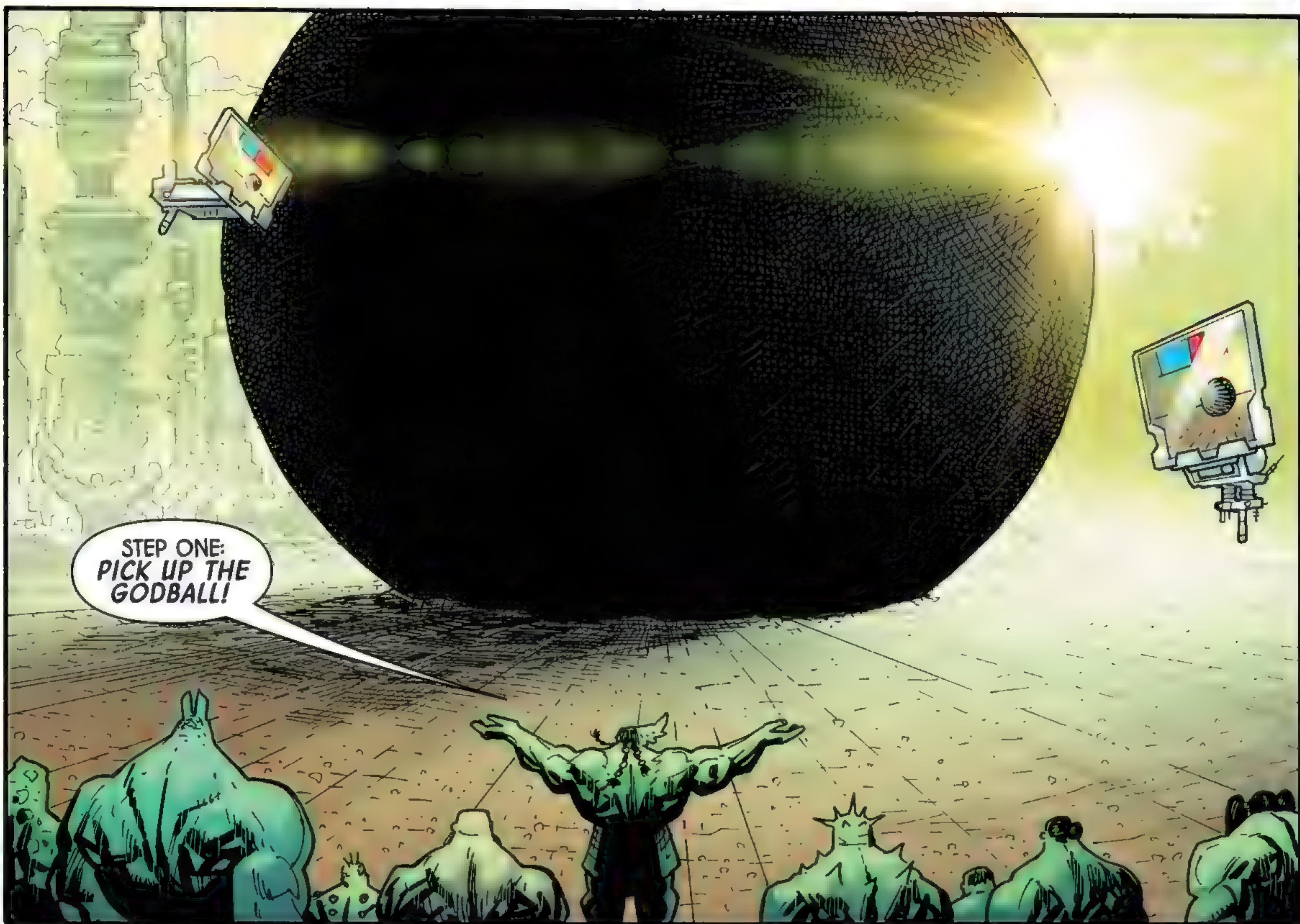


NOW IF
SOMEONE, *ANYONE*,
COULD EVENTUALLY GET
TO THE RULES SO WE
CAN GET ON WITH IT?
BECAUSE I'M READY TO
WIN THIS GAME.

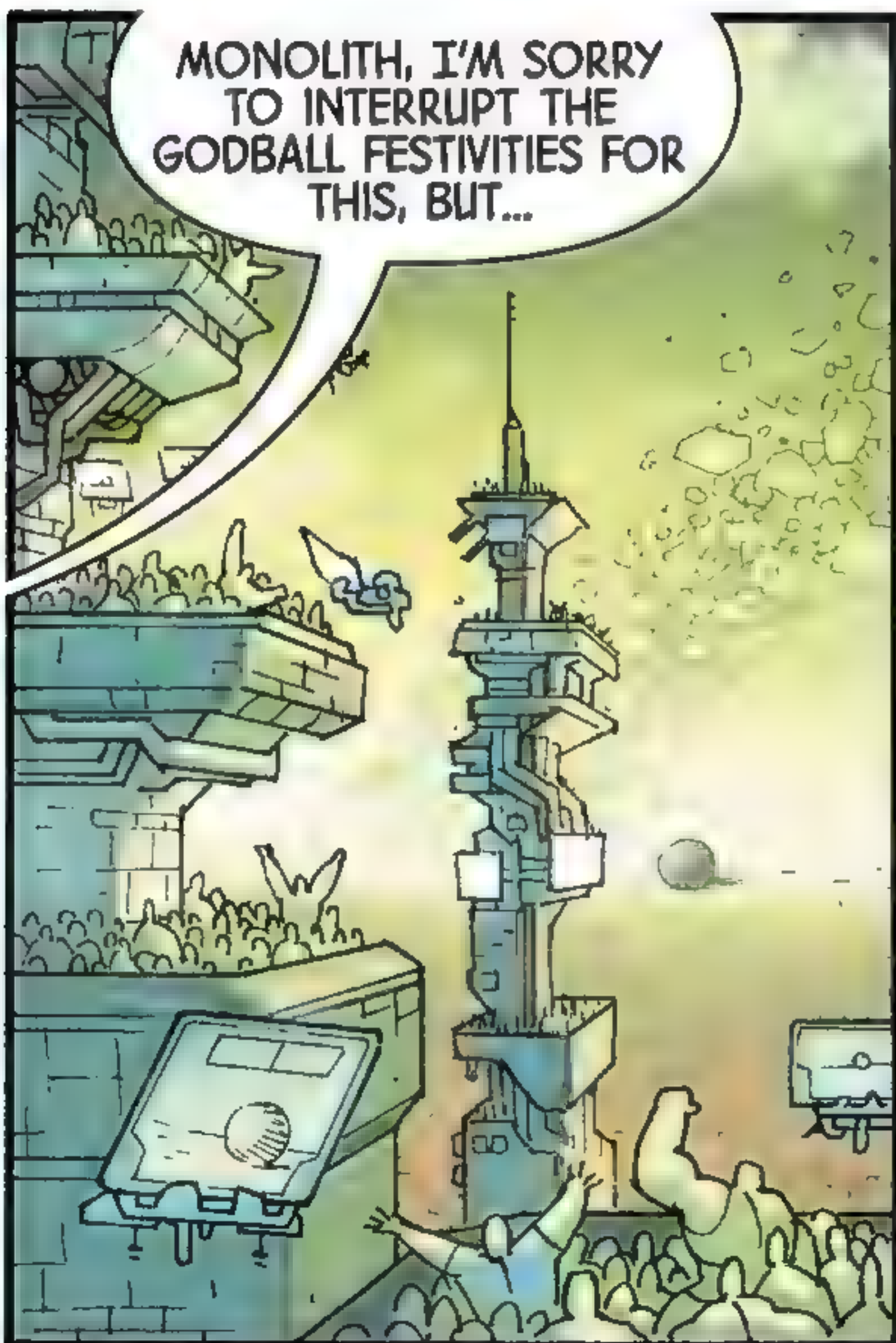




THE RULES ARE SO SIMPLE EVEN A *GREY* COULD UNDERSTAND.



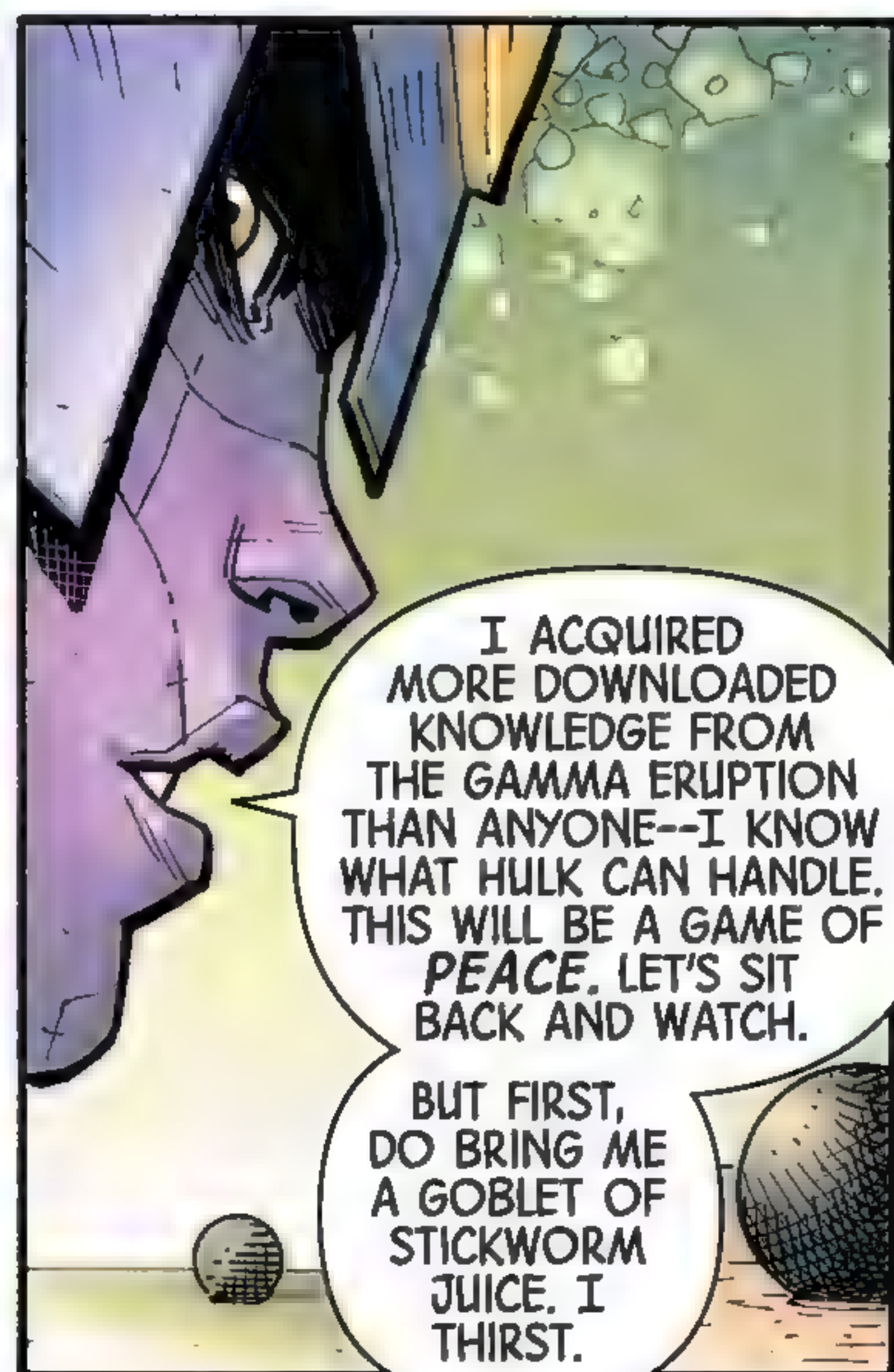
STEP ONE:
PICK UP THE
GODBALL!



MONOLITH, I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT THE GODBALL FESTIVITIES FOR THIS, BUT...



...WELL, THE RECENT FINDINGS ON HULK'S BRAIN SCAN HAVE ME WORRIED THAT GODBALL MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST THING FOR HIM TO BE DOING RIGHT NOW...

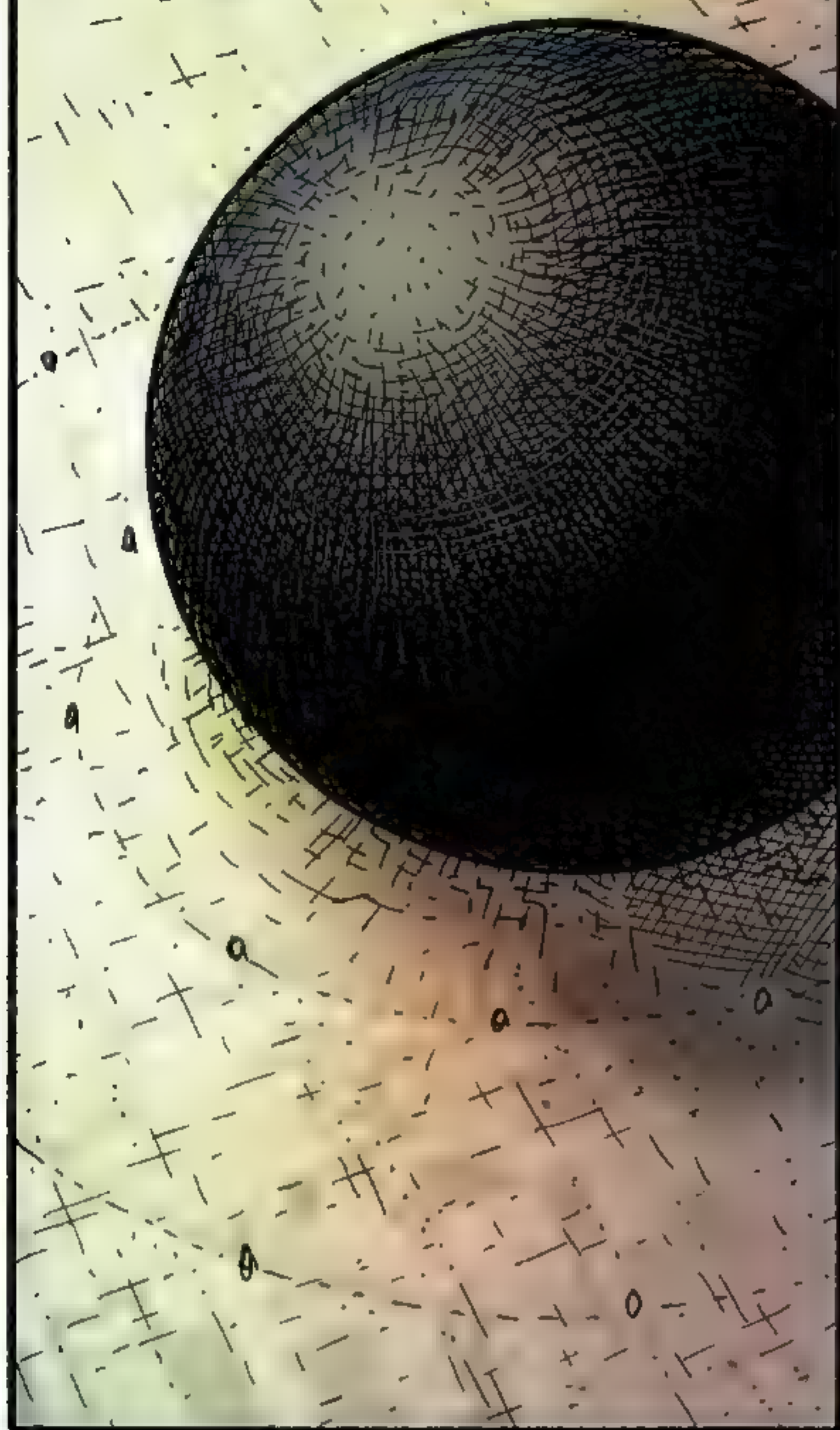


I ACQUIRED MORE DOWNLOADED KNOWLEDGE FROM THE GAMMA ERUPTION THAN ANYONE--I KNOW WHAT HULK CAN HANDLE. THIS WILL BE A GAME OF *PEACE*. LET'S SIT BACK AND WATCH.

BUT FIRST, DO BRING ME A GOBLET OF STICKWORM JUICE. I THIRST.



"TEAM RED CIRCLES THE BALL AND IS FIRST UP FOR OFFENSIVE PLAY. TEAM BLUE POSITIONS IN A WIDER CIRCLE AROUND TEAM RED FOR DEFENSIVE PLAY..."



"TEAM BLUE ALSO HAS ONE ROCK DEFENDER ON THE BELT. THEY HAVE KUSS UP THERE RIGHT NOW--HE NEEDS SOME ALONE TIME UNTIL HE LEARNS TO STOP DISMEMBERING."



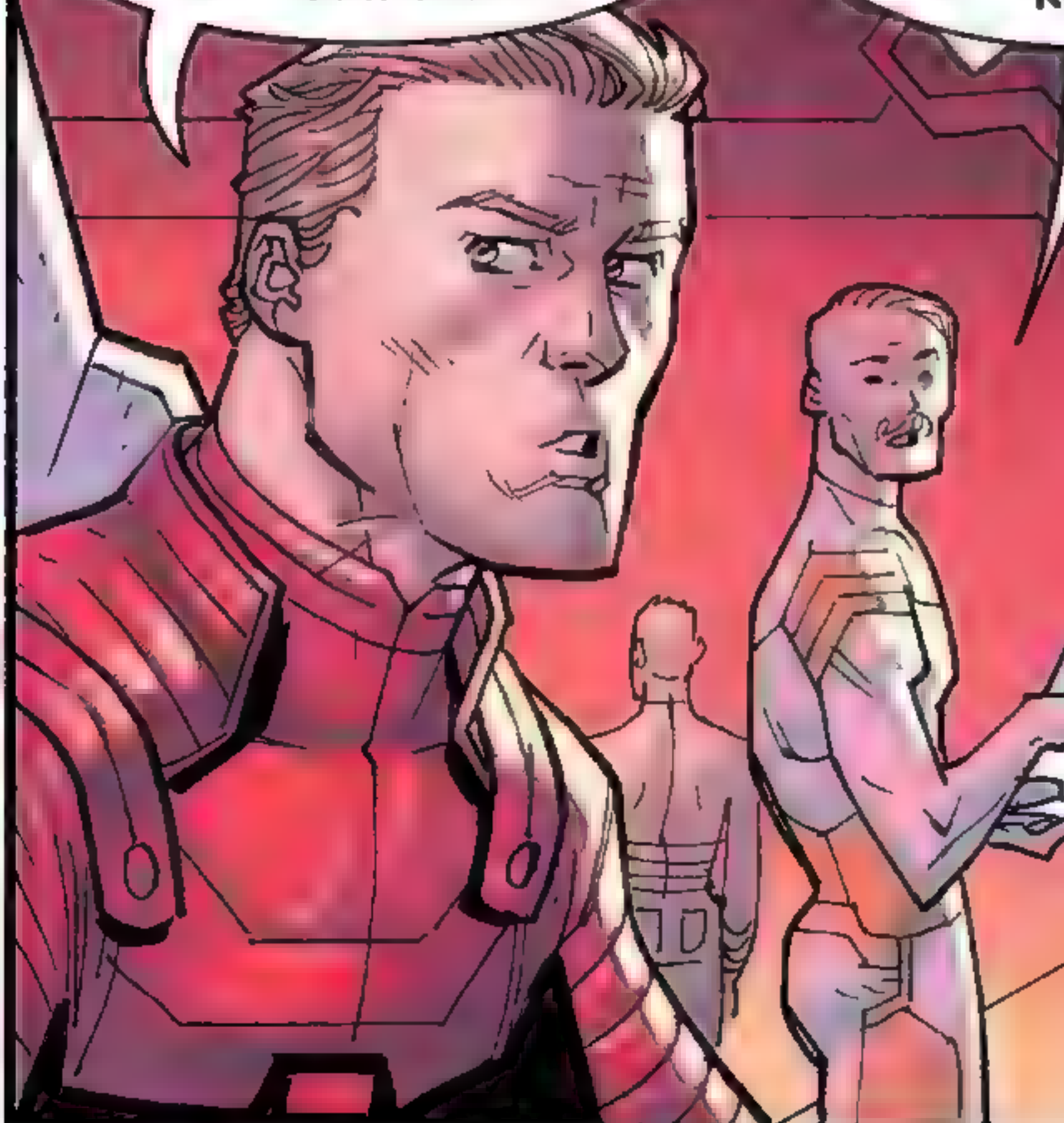
"EACH ROCK HIT COUNTS AS A POINT. WHICHEVER TEAM HAS THE MOST POINTS WHEN THE GREY BEASTS HOWL WINS."



"HULK, YOU TAKE THE LEAD SINCE YOU'RE THE NEWBIE. GOOD LUCK. THE WORLD IS WATCHING!"



WE WON'T BE NEEDING THE MAIN SUIT FOR THIS GAME, BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO GIVE OUR HULK IN THE **ENGINE ROOM** A MUCH-NEEDED **BREAK**. THOUGHTS FROM THE BRIDGE?



PRETTY SURE WE CAN HANDLE THIS WITHOUT LEVELING UP THE STAGES AND CAUSING STRESS TO THE ENGINE ROOM.

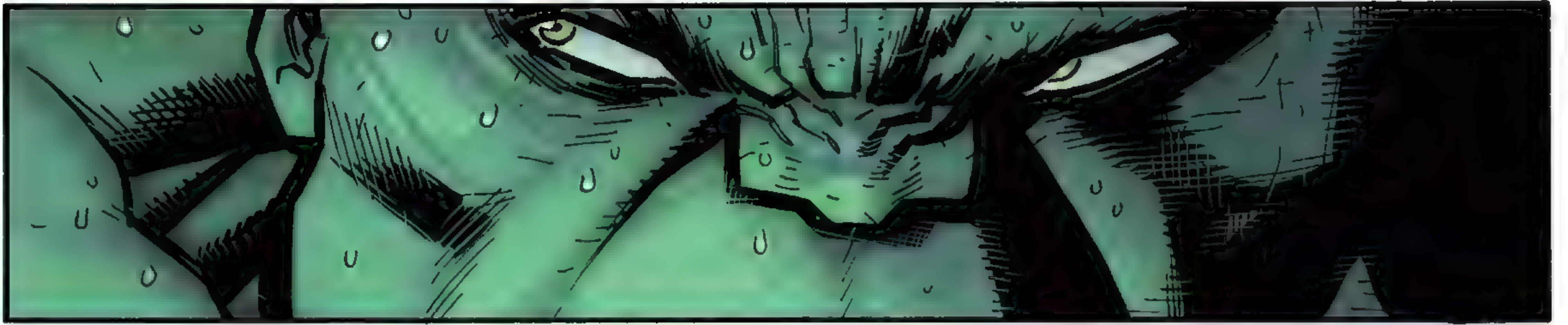
YES. THAT LAST BOUT OF LEVELING HAS RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO KEEP OURSELVES MENTALLY STABLE DURING SUCH STRESS TO OUR COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS.

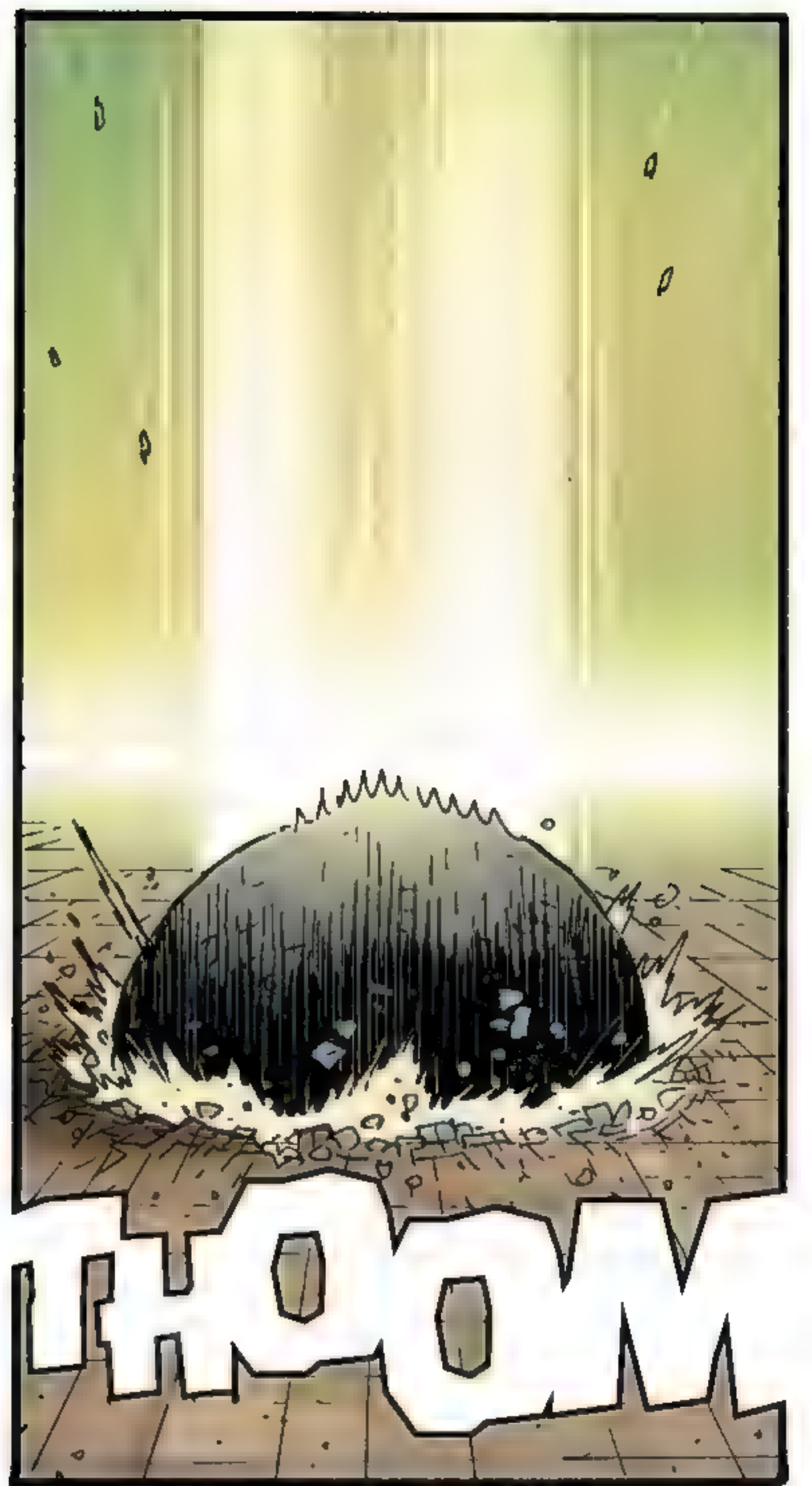


YEAH. THAT GOT OUT OF HAND.

SO WE AGREE--LET'S JUST PLAY SOME BALL AND RELAX!

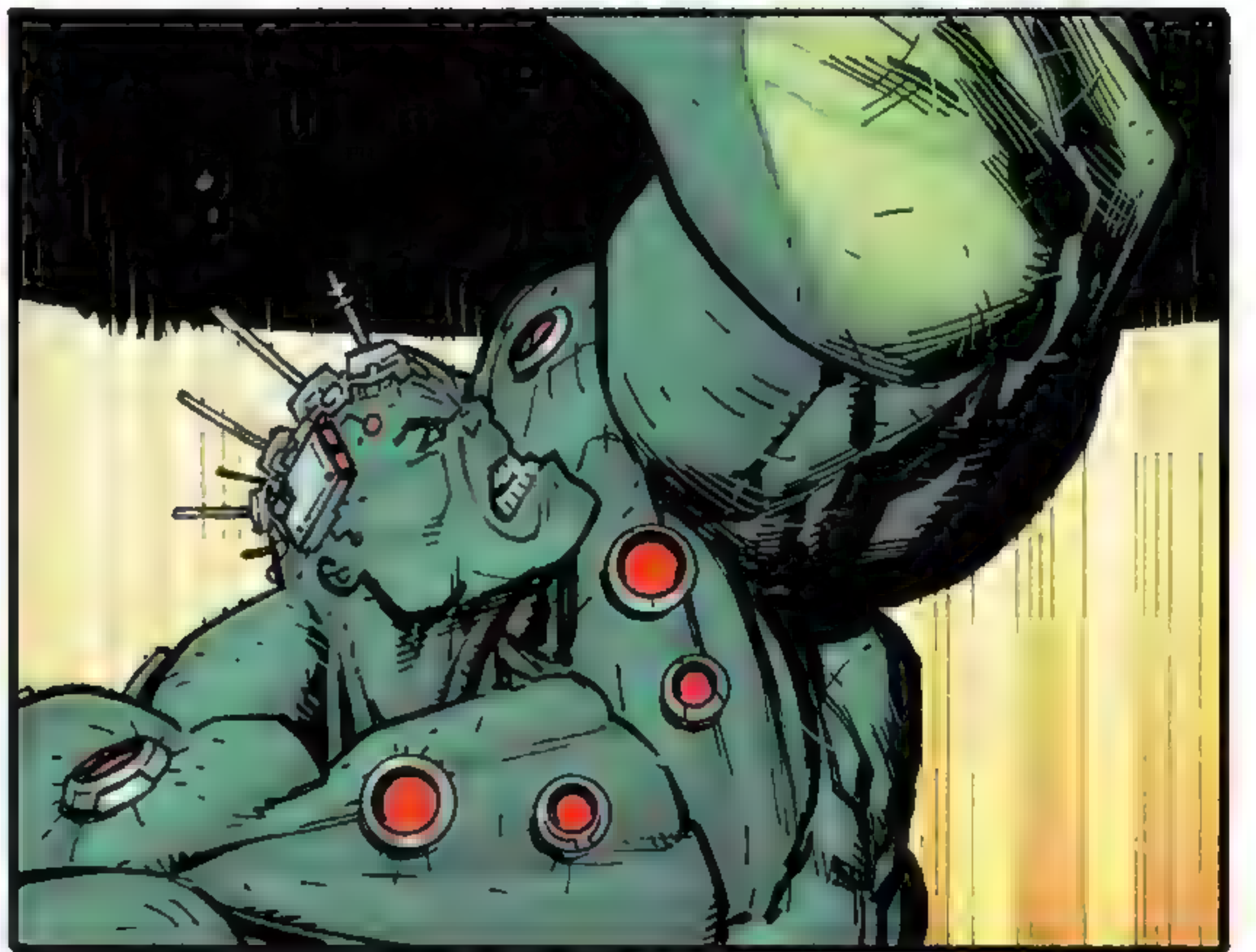


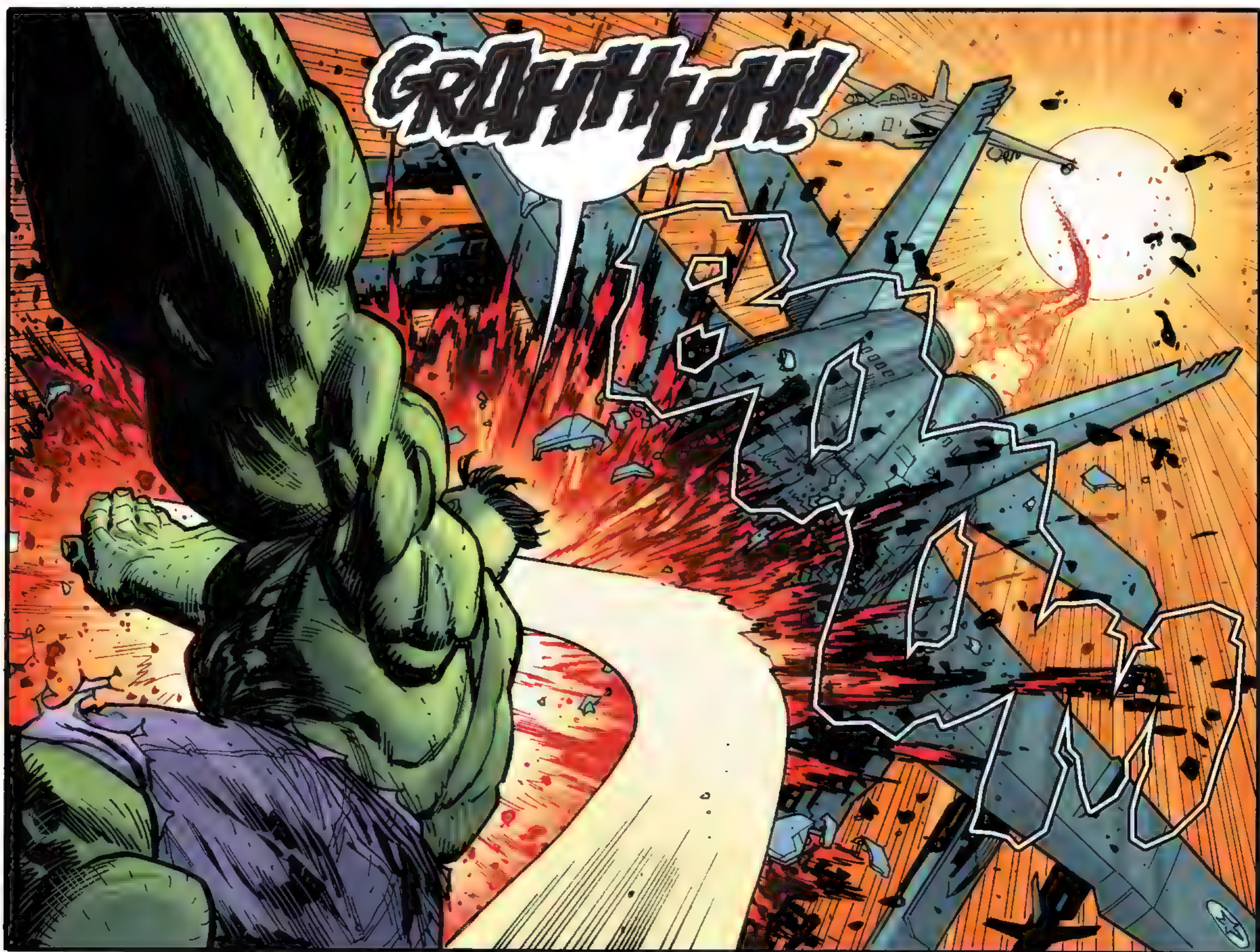


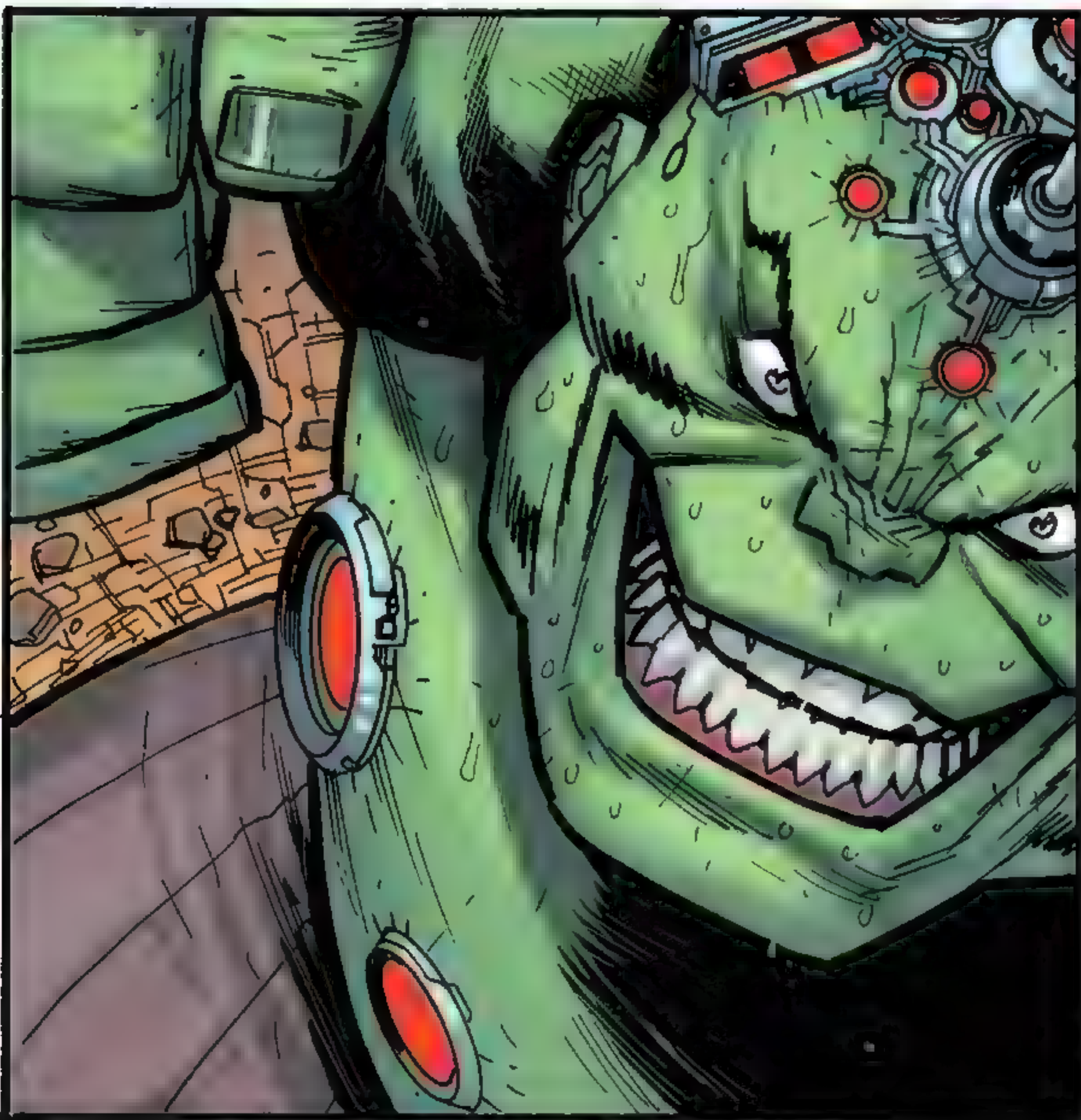
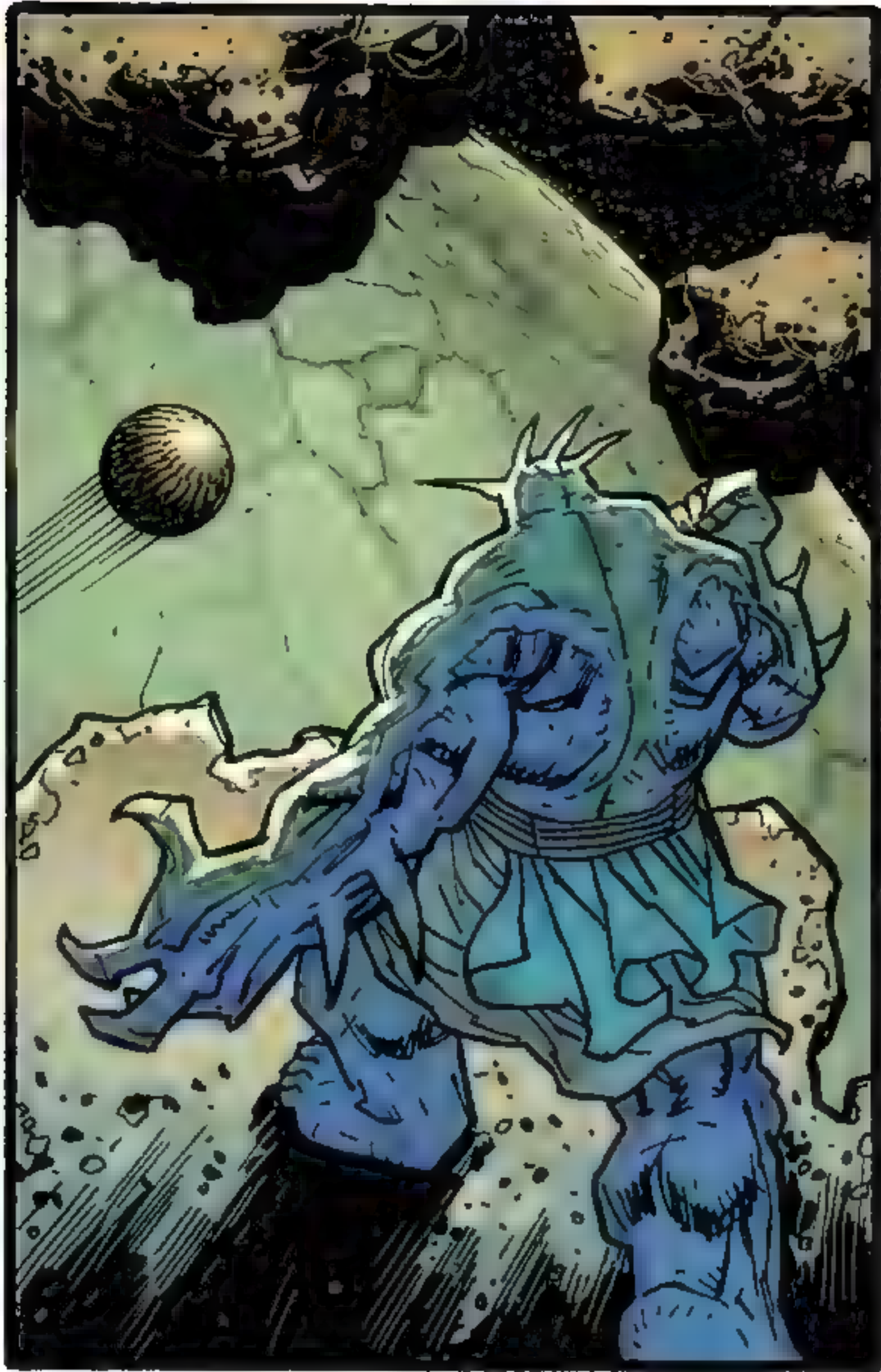


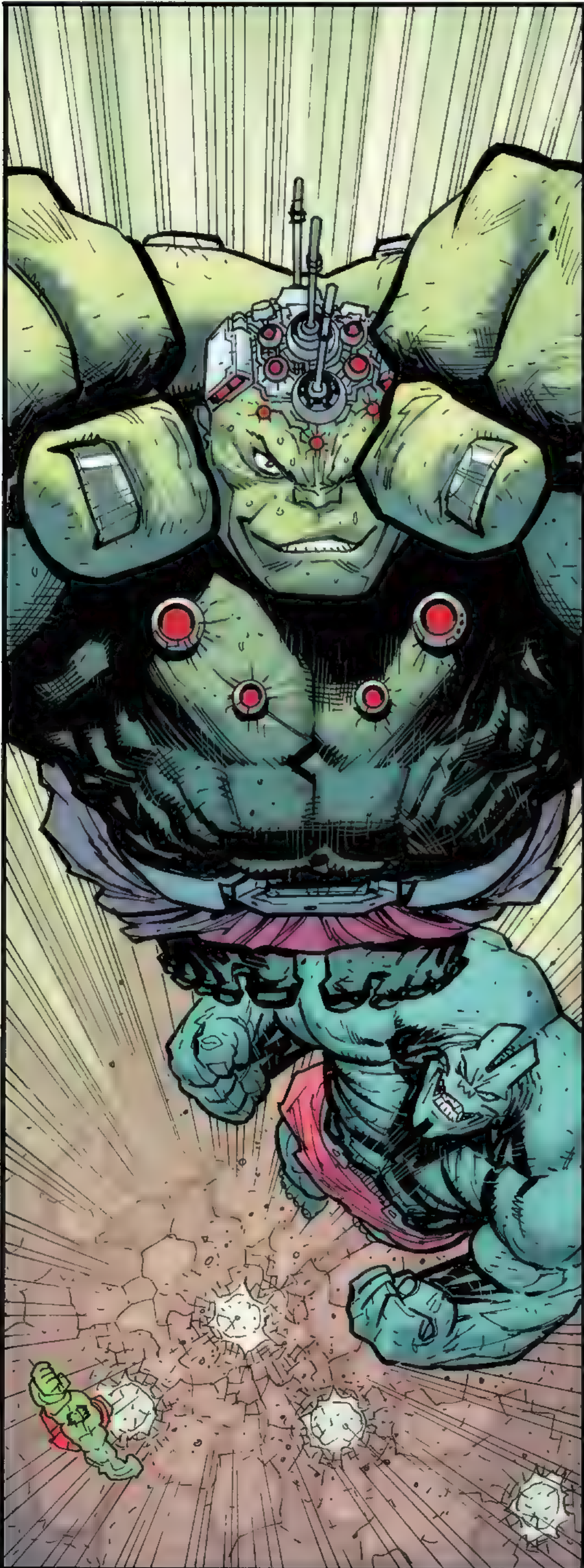


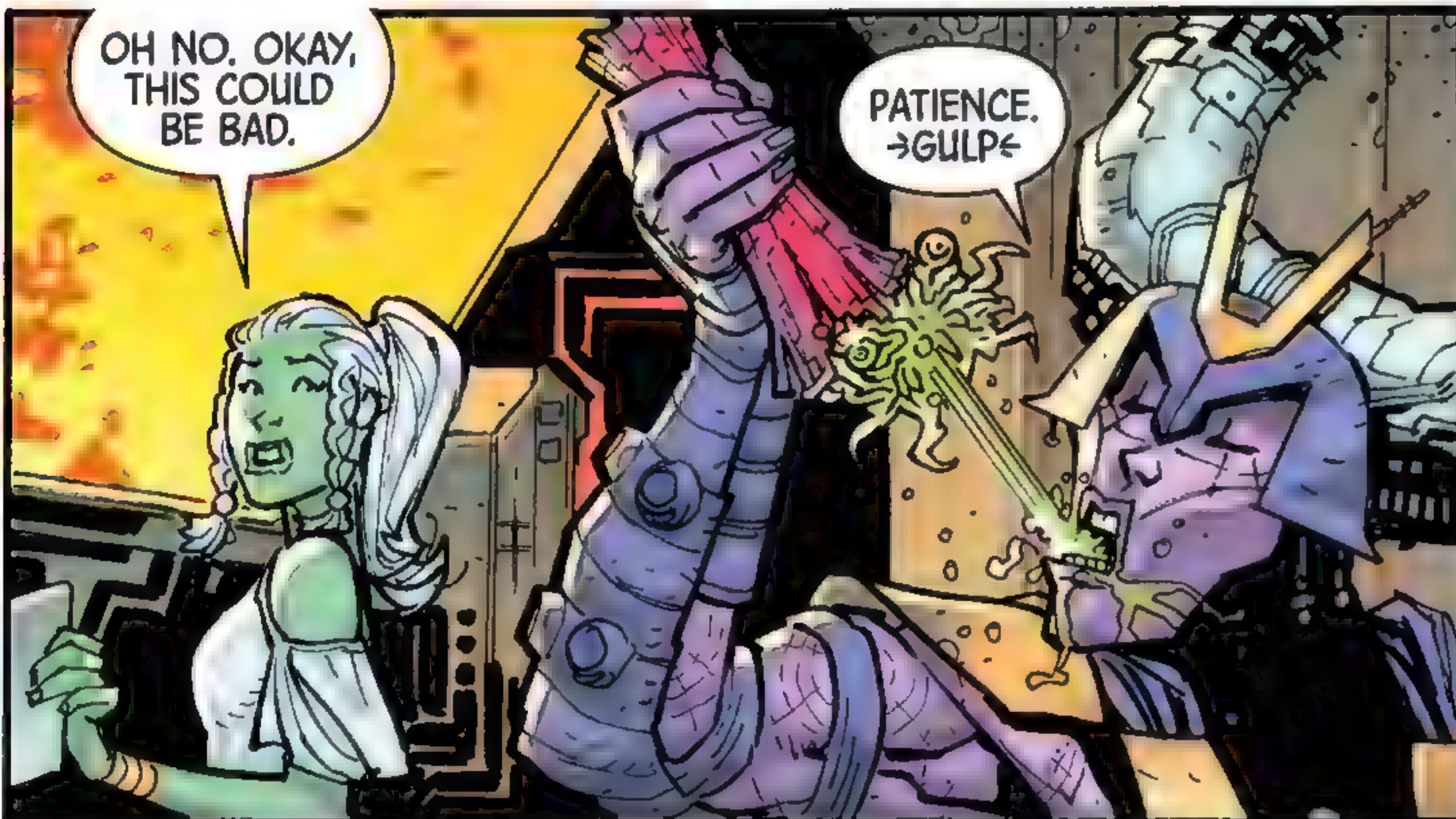
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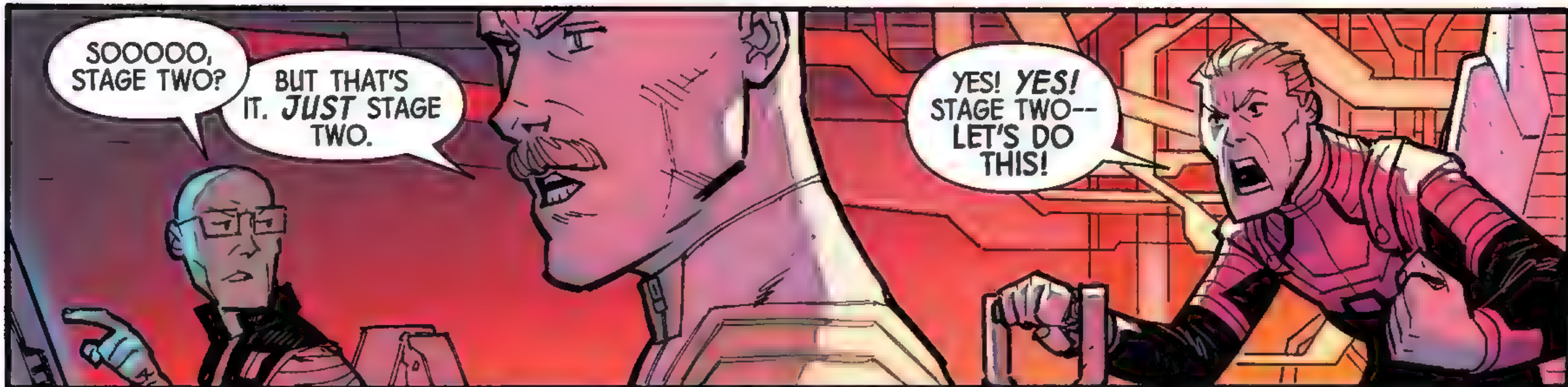






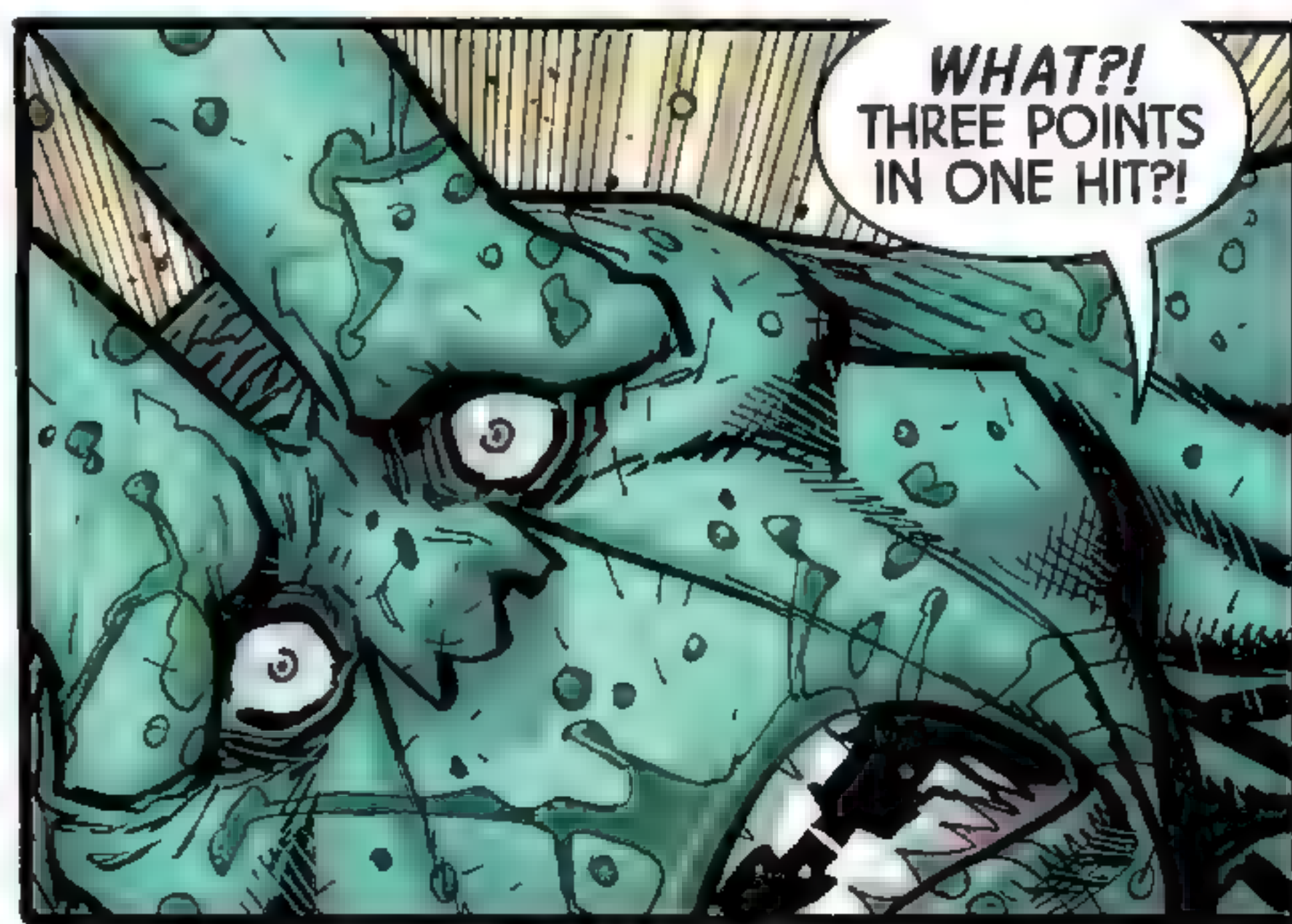
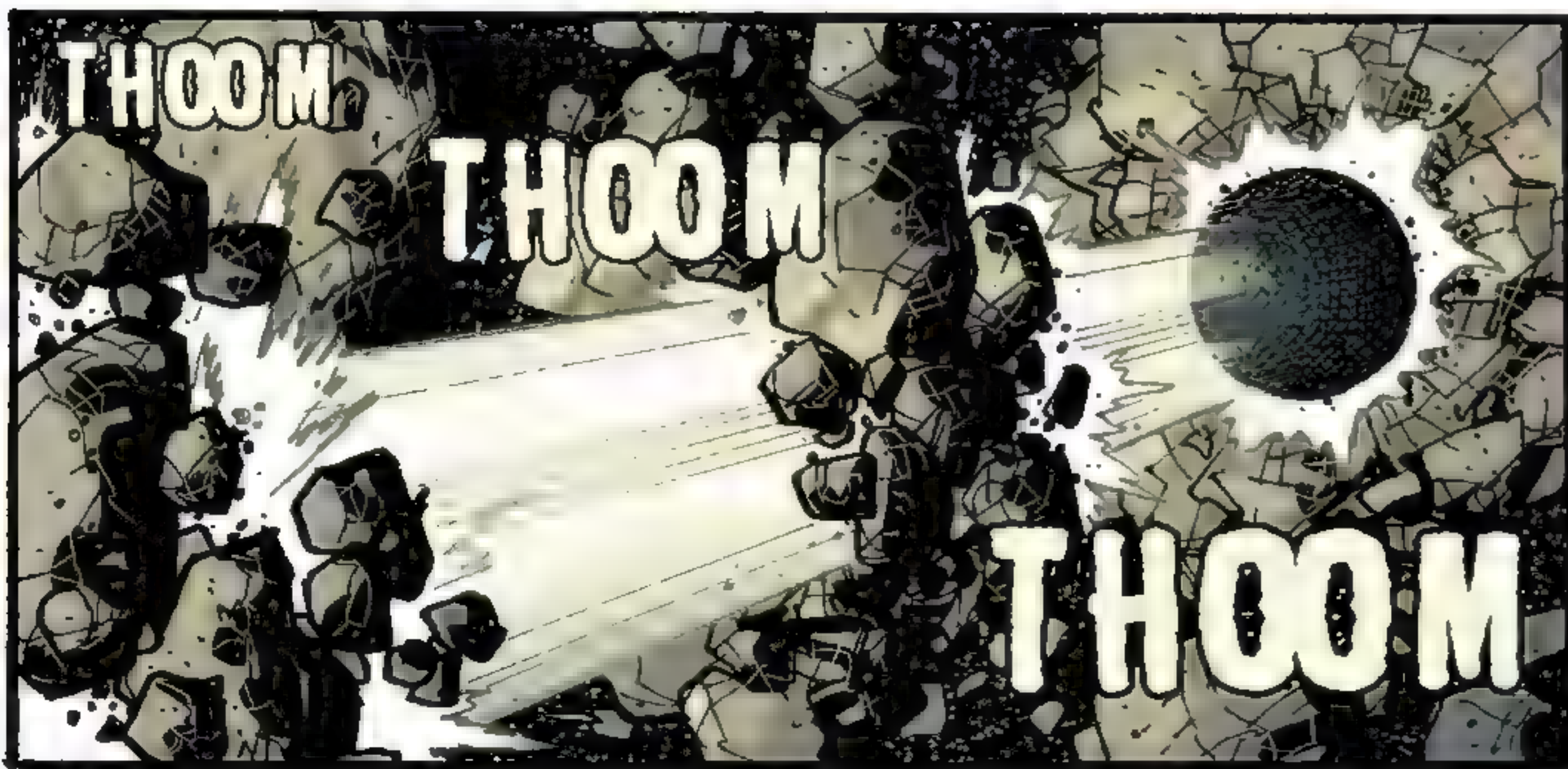
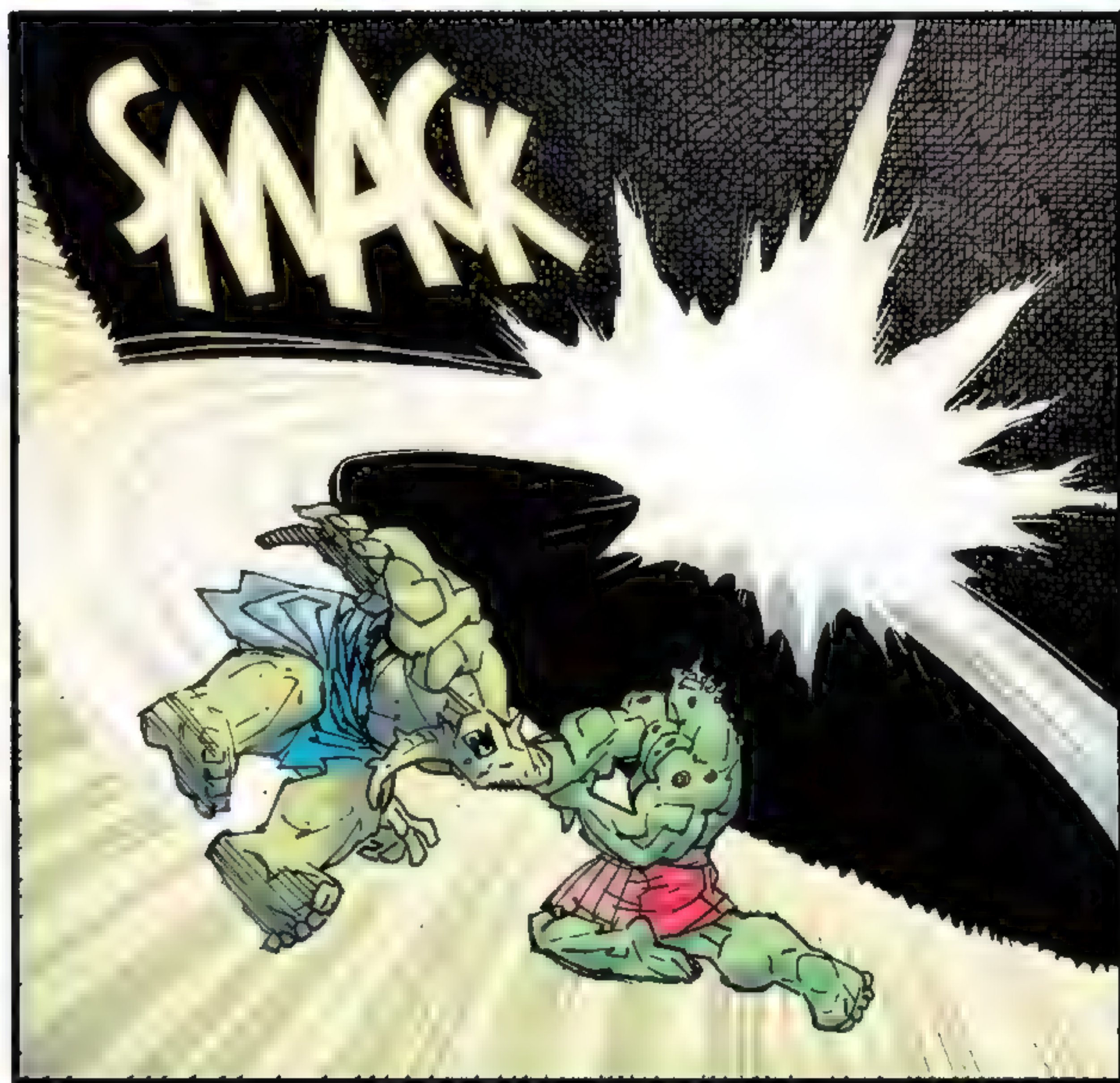
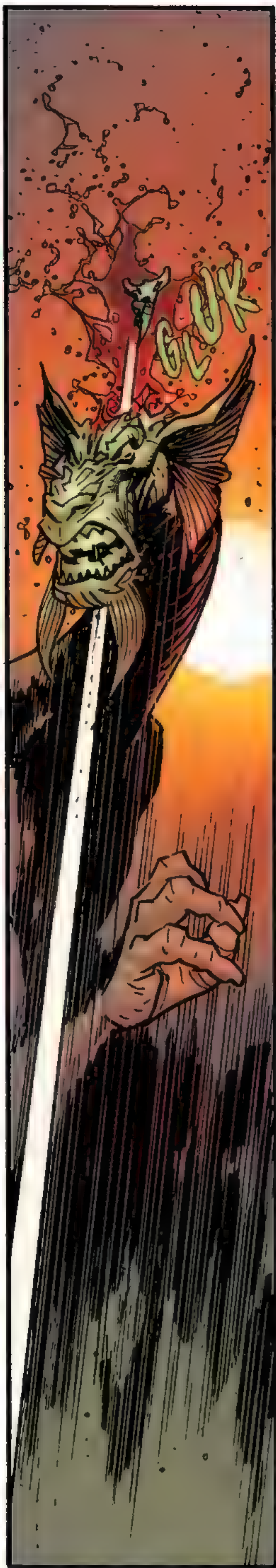


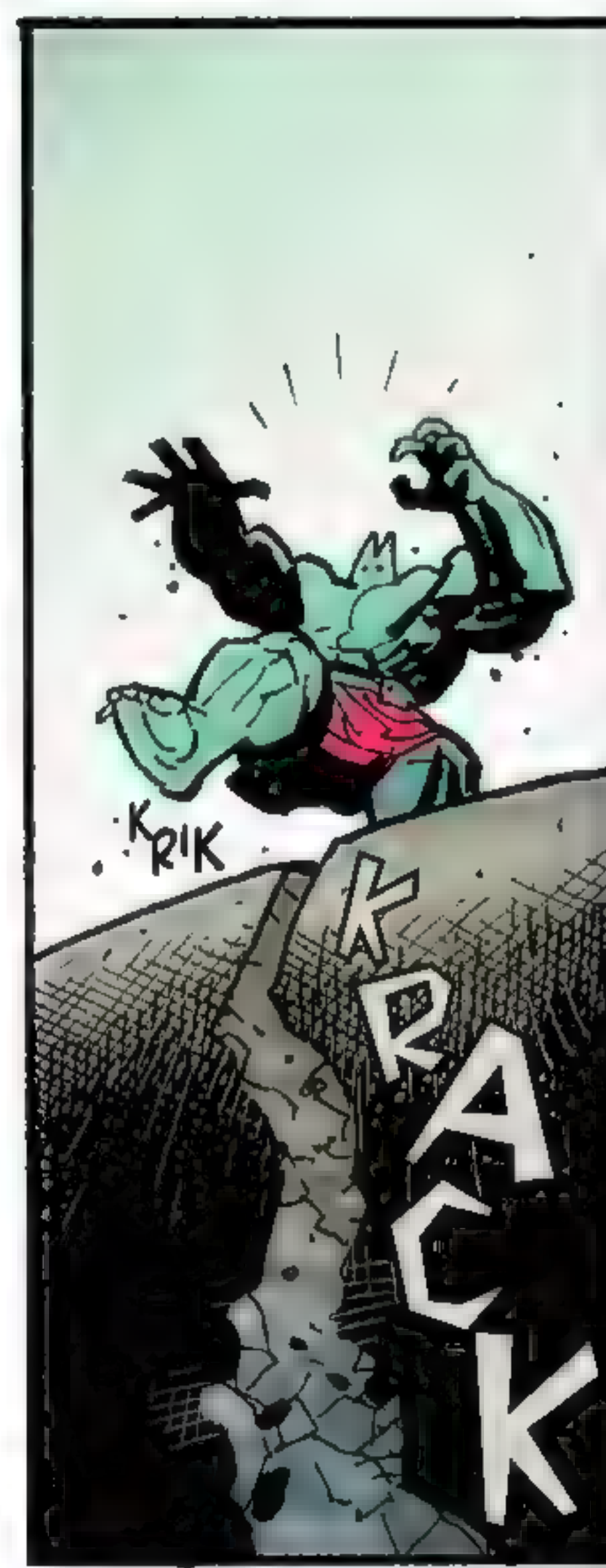




STAGE TWO









A PORTAL, IT'S OPENING THERE, RIGHT NEXT TO THE GAME!

GET EVERYONE OUT OF THERE-- NOW!



YOU!!!

YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD KILL THE PROTECTORS OF THE ARTERIAL DIMENSIONAL BETWEEN-SPACE AND GET AWAY WITH IT?!*

IF A TEAM GETS ERADICATED, ANOTHER TEAM IN ANOTHER DIMENSION THEN BECOMES THE **NEW** PROTECTORS. WE ARE THAT SLAIN TEAM'S DIMENSIONAL COUNTERPARTS WHO HAVE TAKEN UP THEIR MANTLE, AND WE HAVE SWORN TO AVENGE THEM!

*ISSUE #2. --WIL

IT TOOK US A WHILE TO FIND YOU, BUT NOW ALL OF OUR OTHER DIMENSIONAL COUNTERPARTS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS IN CASE YOU SOMEHOW DEFEAT US AGAIN!

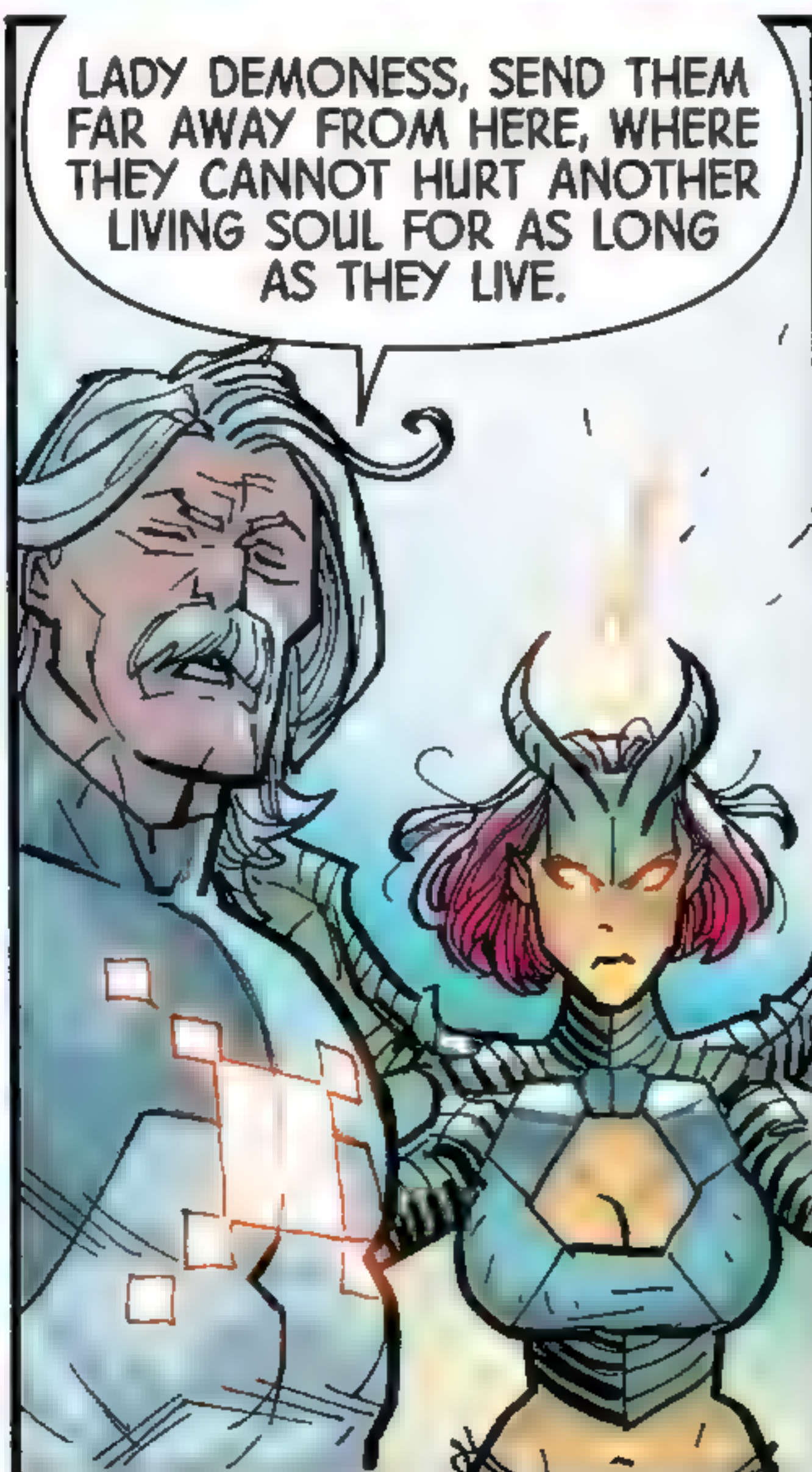


I...I AM LOST. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

HE IS INNOCENT! TOUCH HIM, YOU DIE!

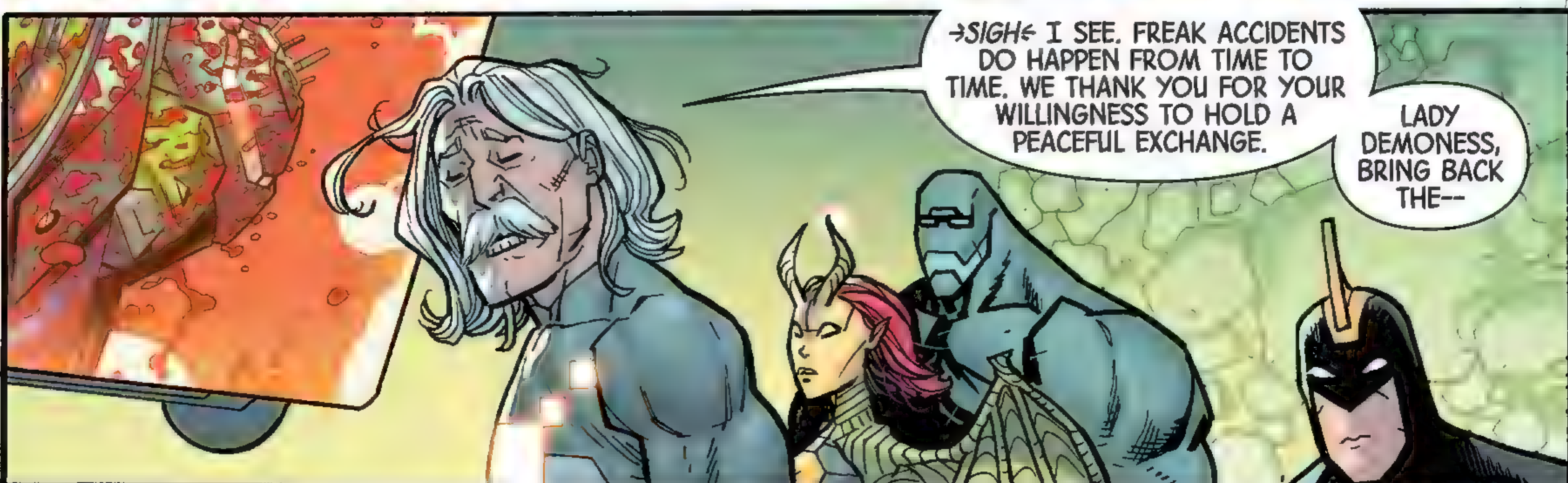
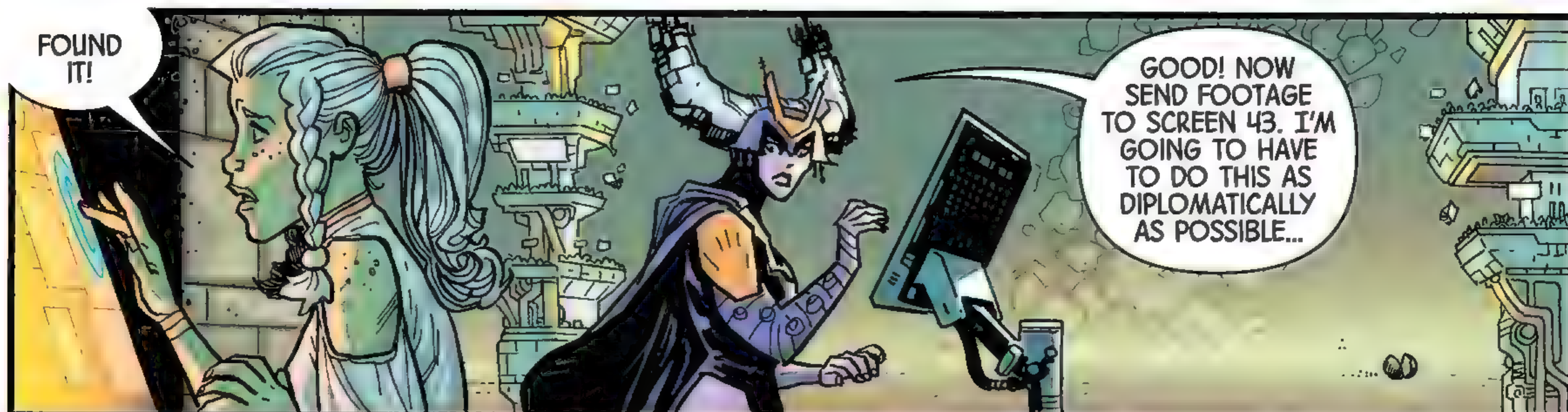


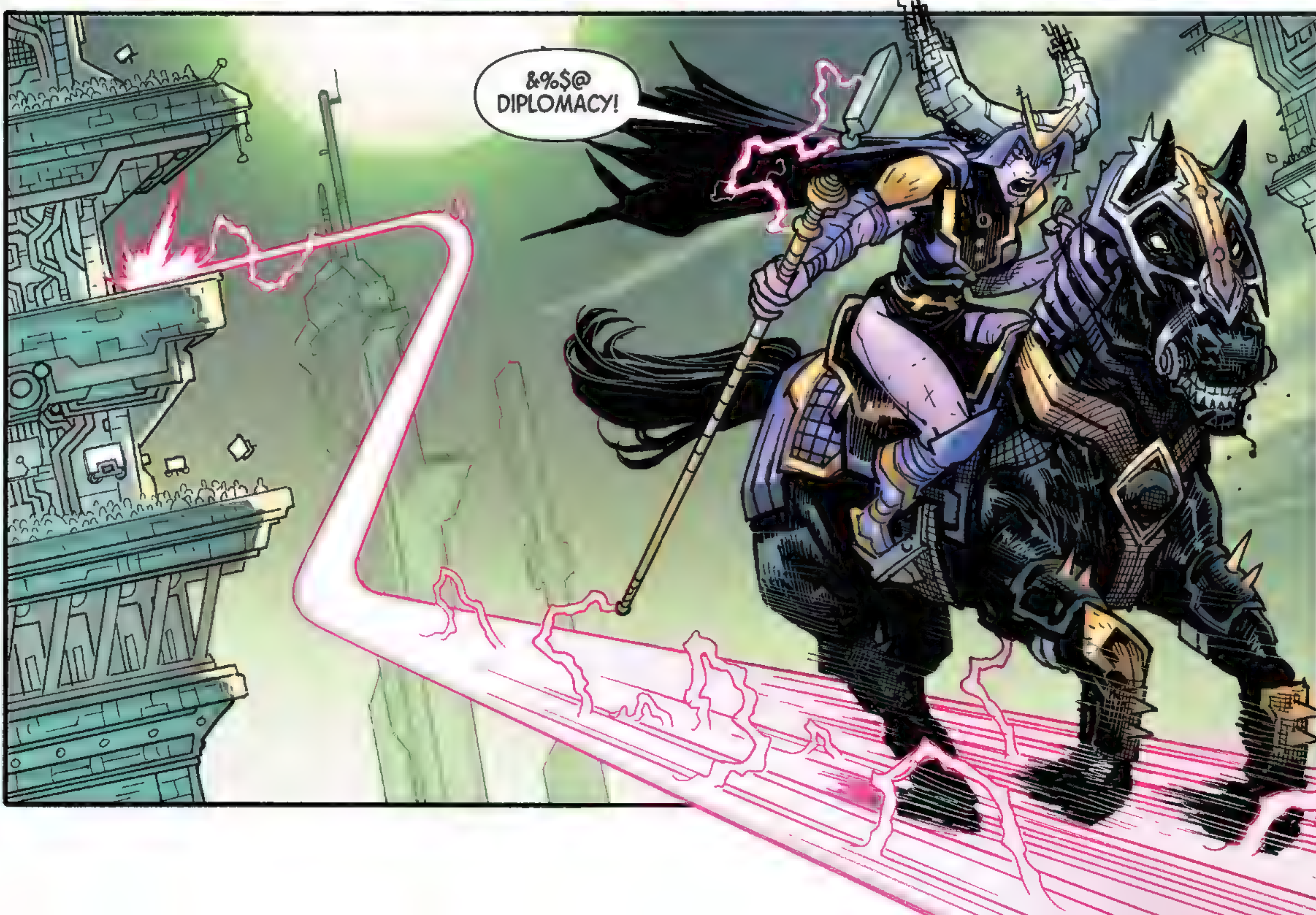
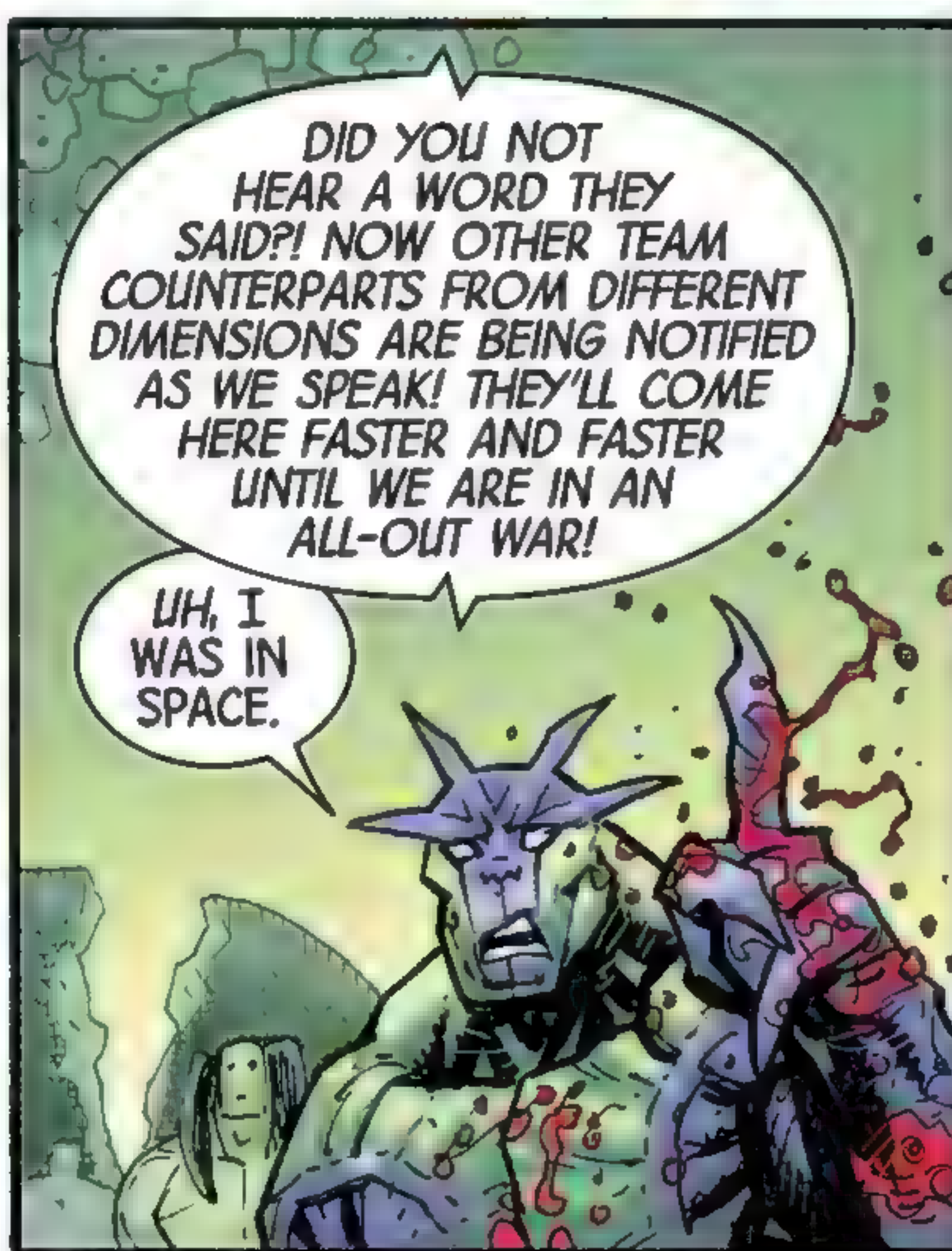
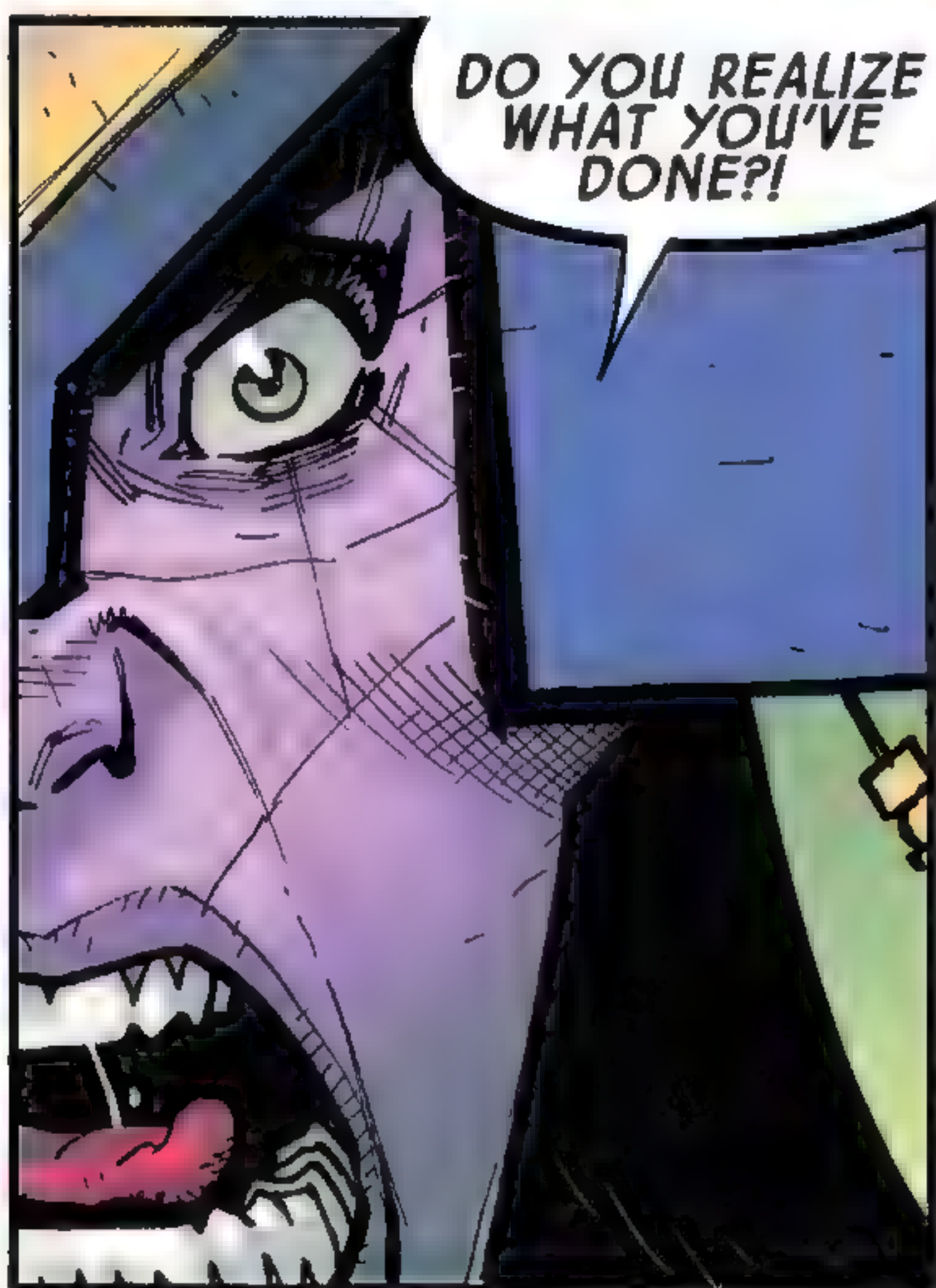
THERE WAS FOOTAGE RECORDED IN HULK'S HELMET WHILE HE WAS IN THE BETWEEN-SPACE-- SEARCH IT NOW. WE MUST ACT QUICKLY!

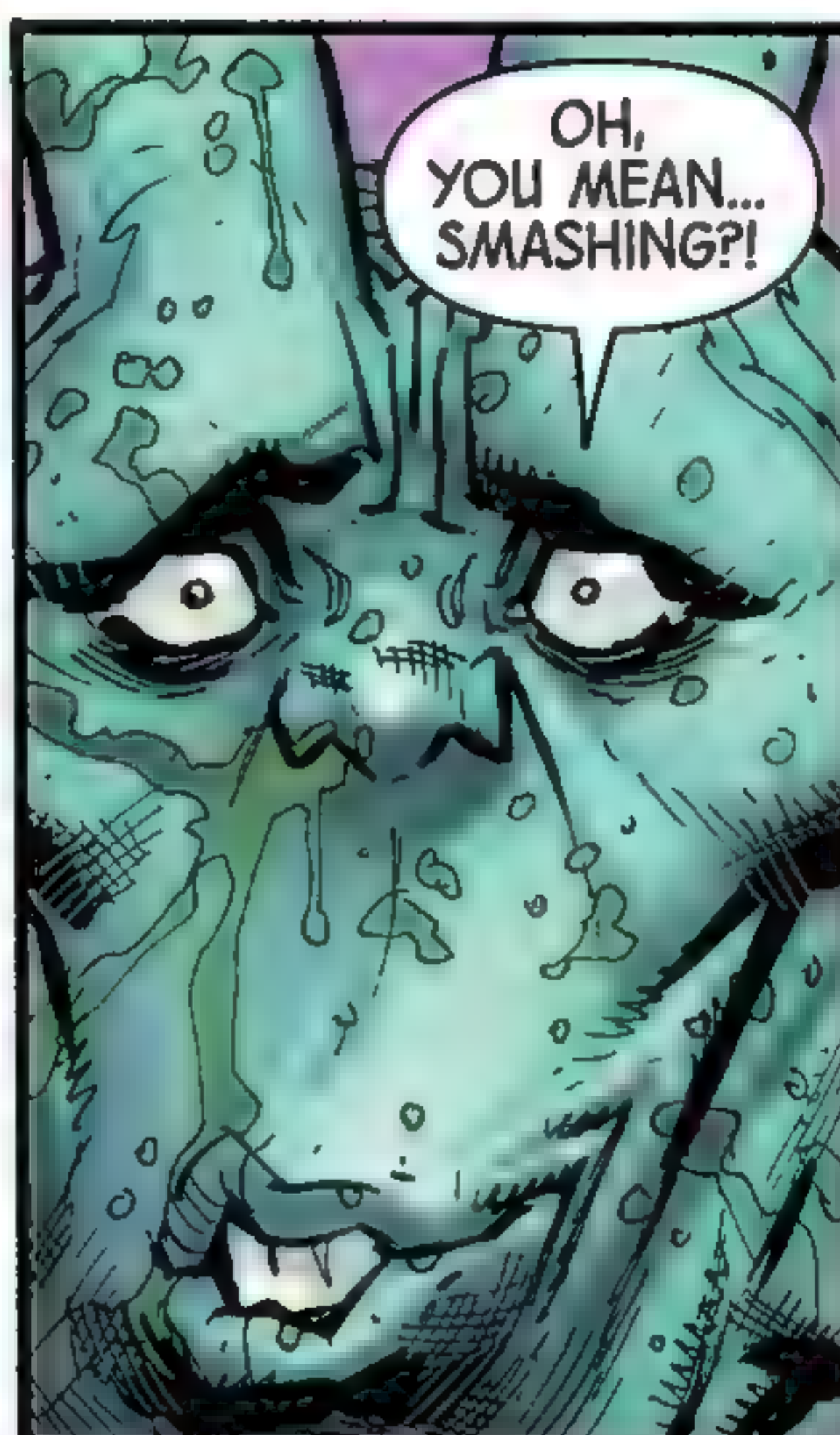


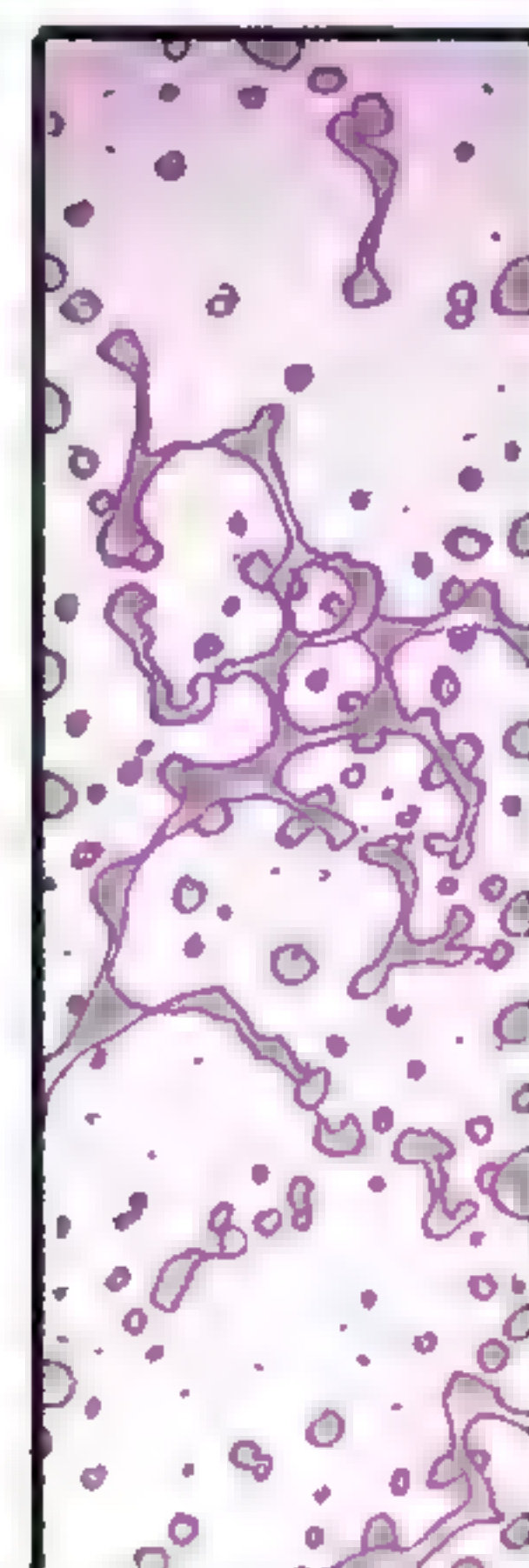
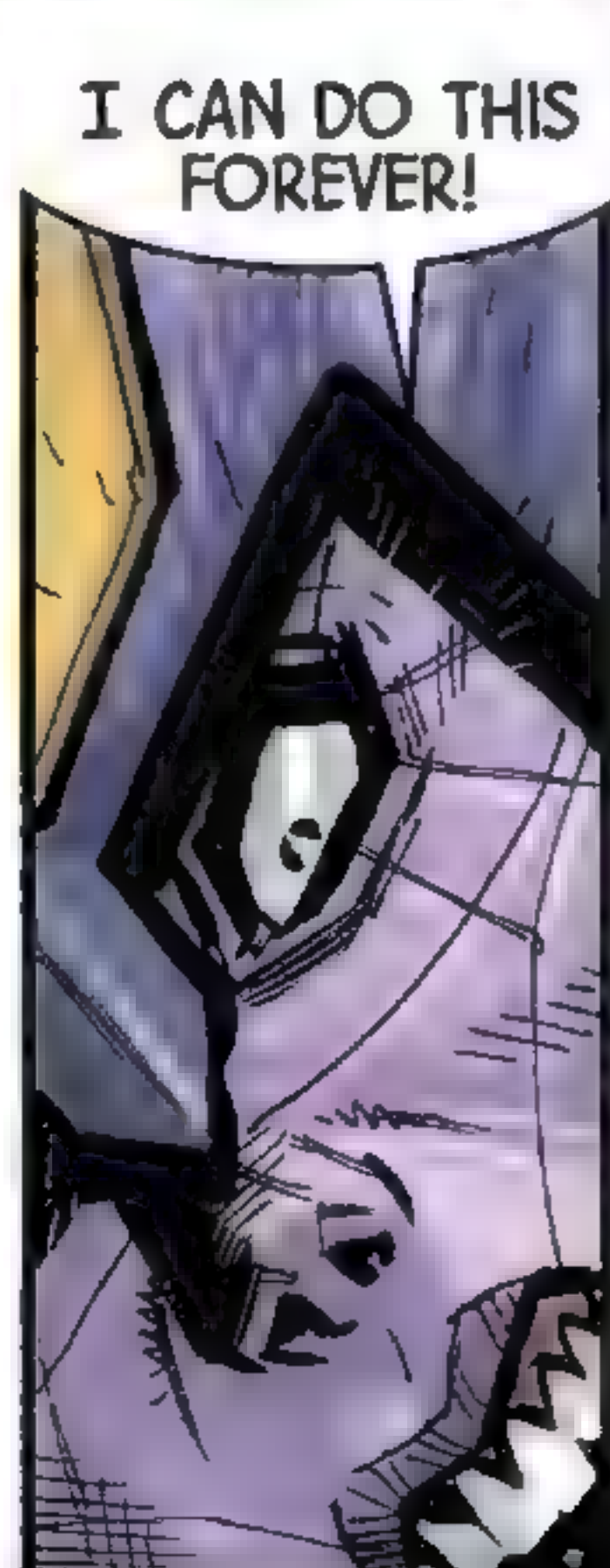
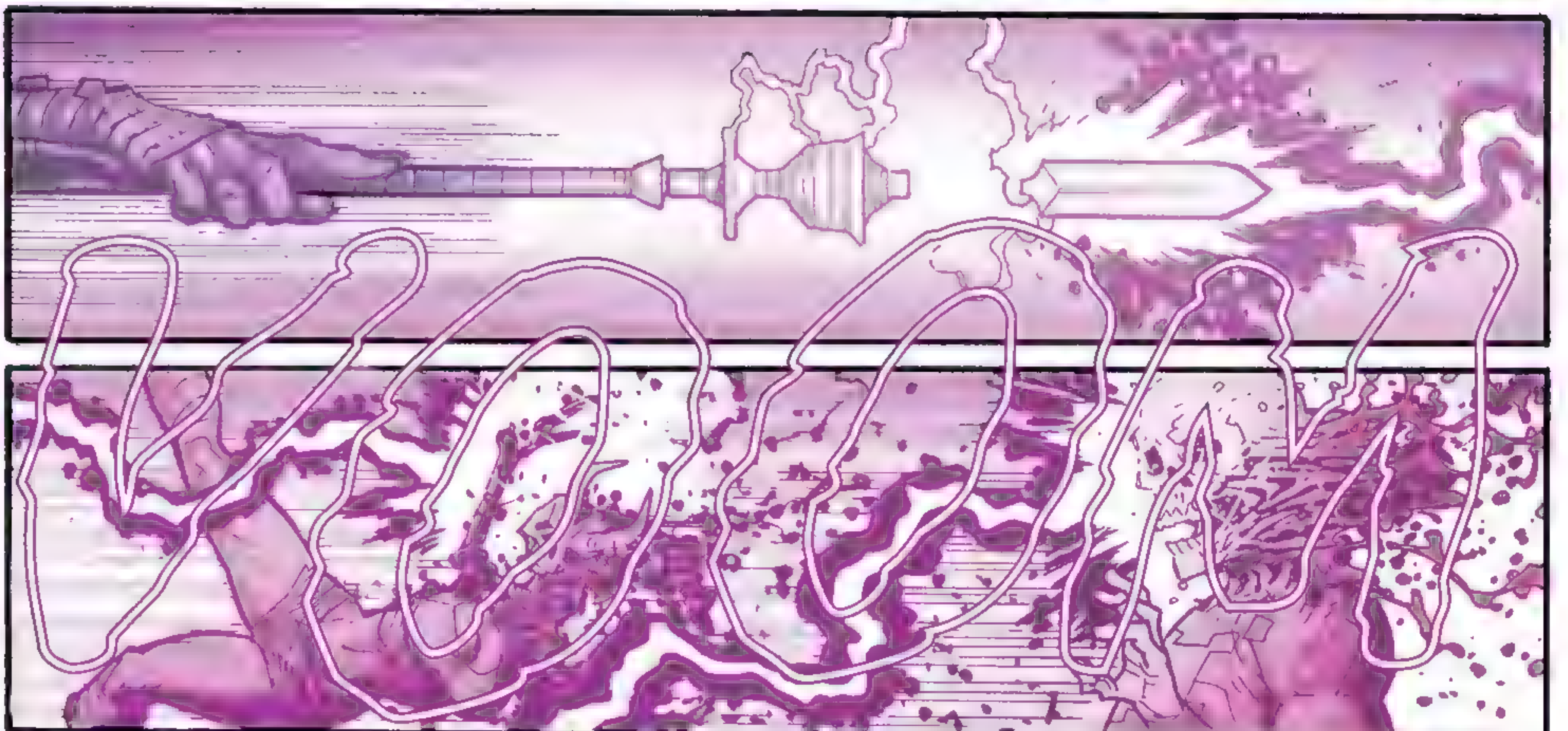
LADY DEMONESS, SEND THEM FAR AWAY FROM HERE, WHERE THEY CANNOT HURT ANOTHER LIVING SOUL FOR AS LONG AS THEY LIVE.

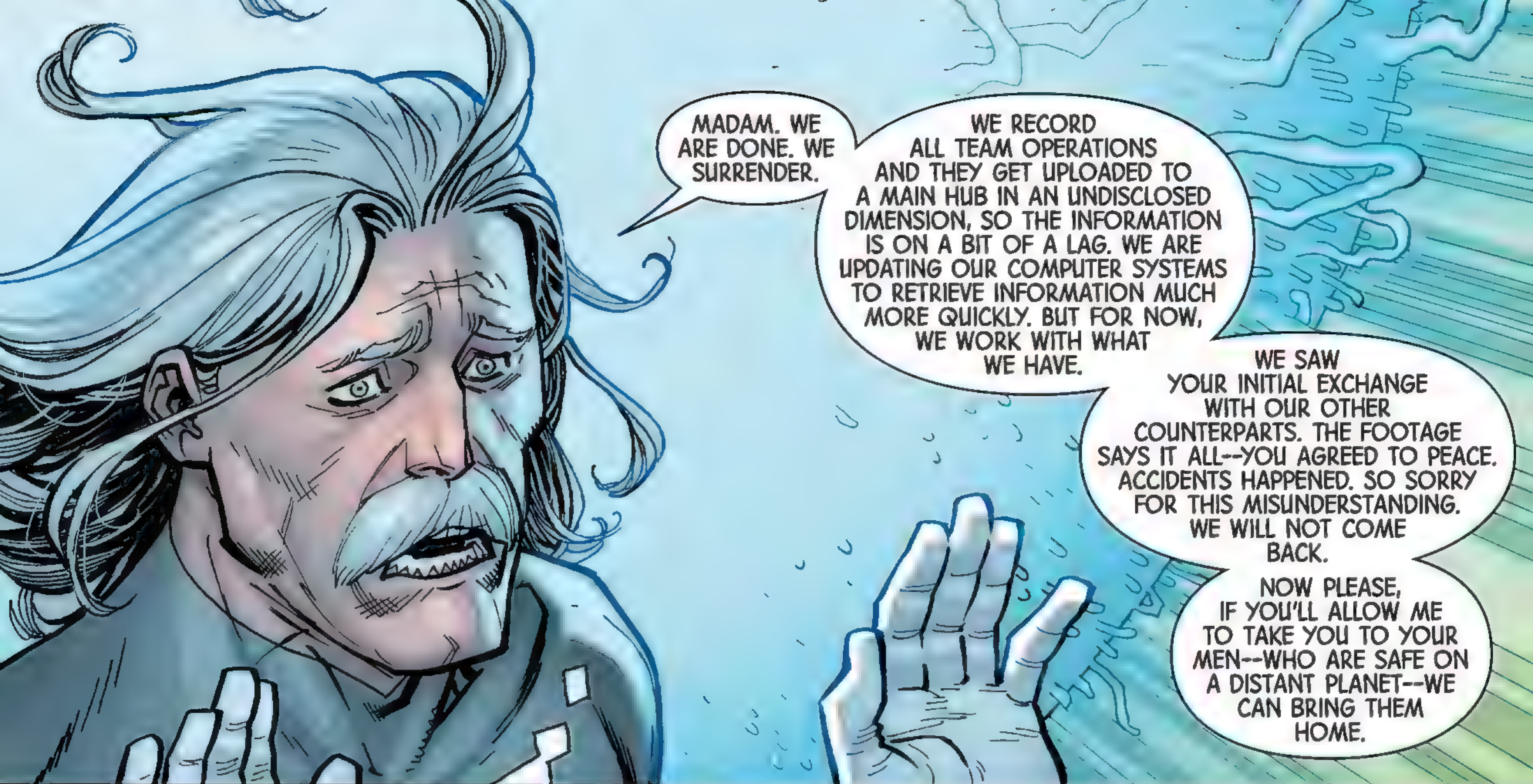










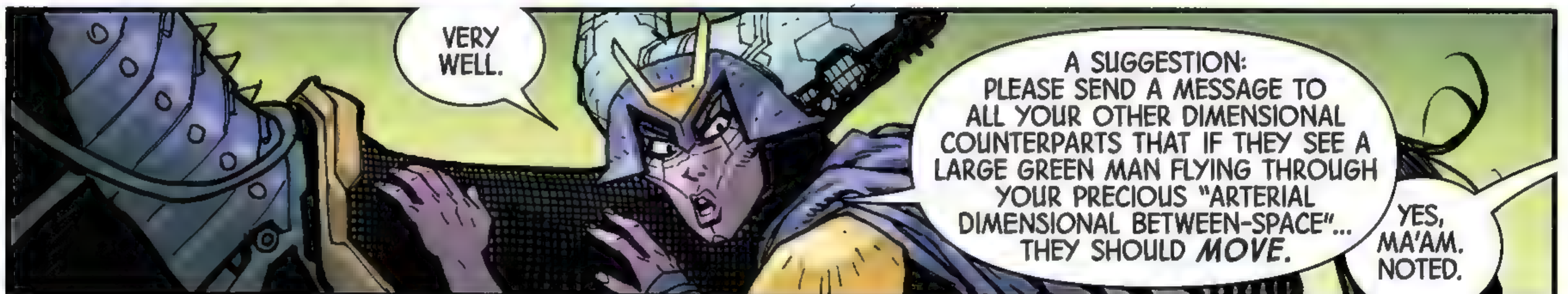


MADAM, WE
ARE DONE. WE
SURRENDER.

WE RECORD
ALL TEAM OPERATIONS
AND THEY GET UPLOADED TO
A MAIN HUB IN AN UNDISCLOSED
DIMENSION, SO THE INFORMATION
IS ON A BIT OF A LAG. WE ARE
UPDATING OUR COMPUTER SYSTEMS
TO RETRIEVE INFORMATION MUCH
MORE QUICKLY. BUT FOR NOW,
WE WORK WITH WHAT
WE HAVE.

WE SAW
YOUR INITIAL EXCHANGE
WITH OUR OTHER
COUNTERPARTS. THE FOOTAGE
SAYS IT ALL--YOU AGREED TO PEACE.
ACCIDENTS HAPPENED. SO SORRY
FOR THIS MISUNDERSTANDING.
WE WILL NOT COME
BACK.

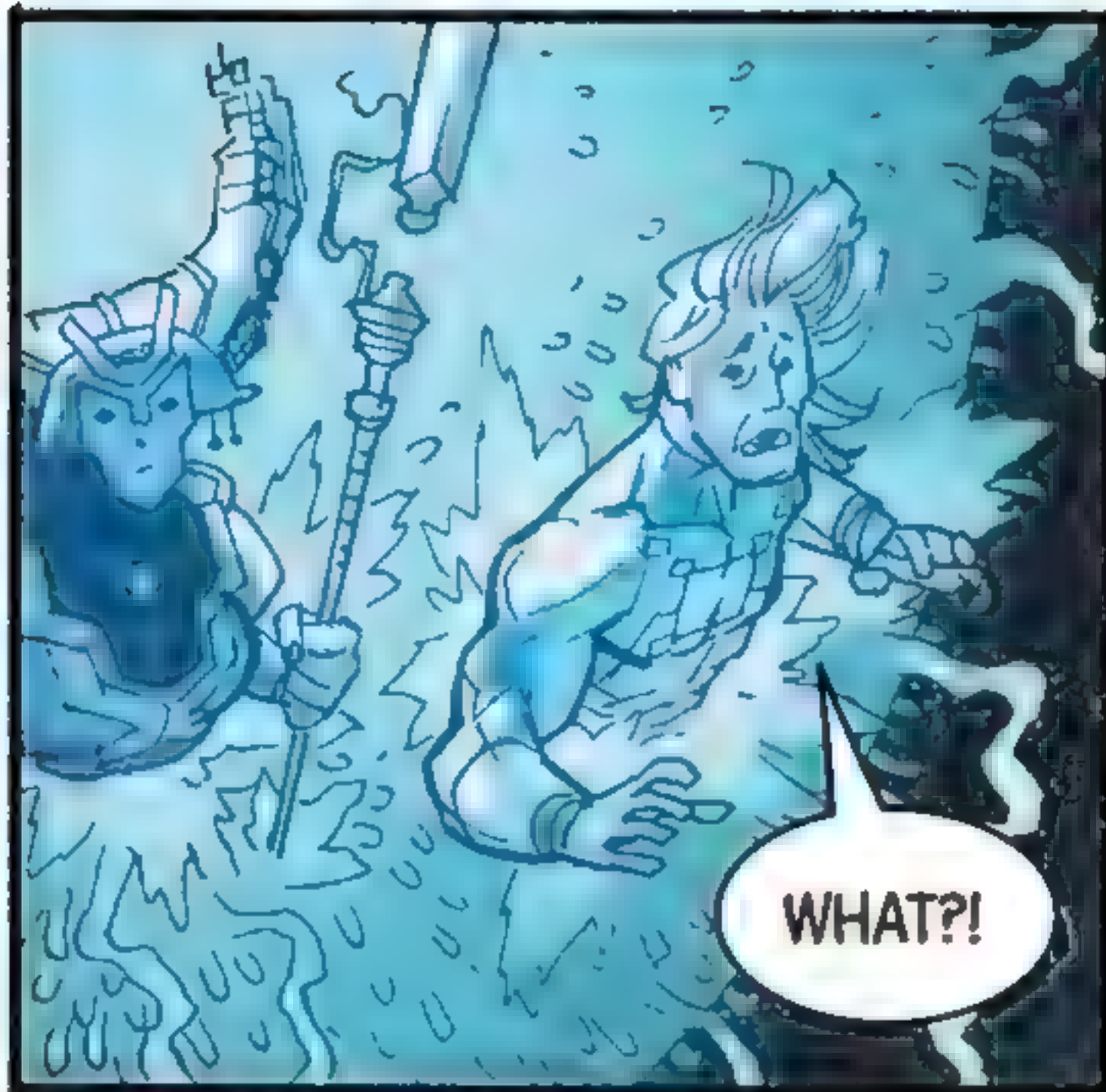
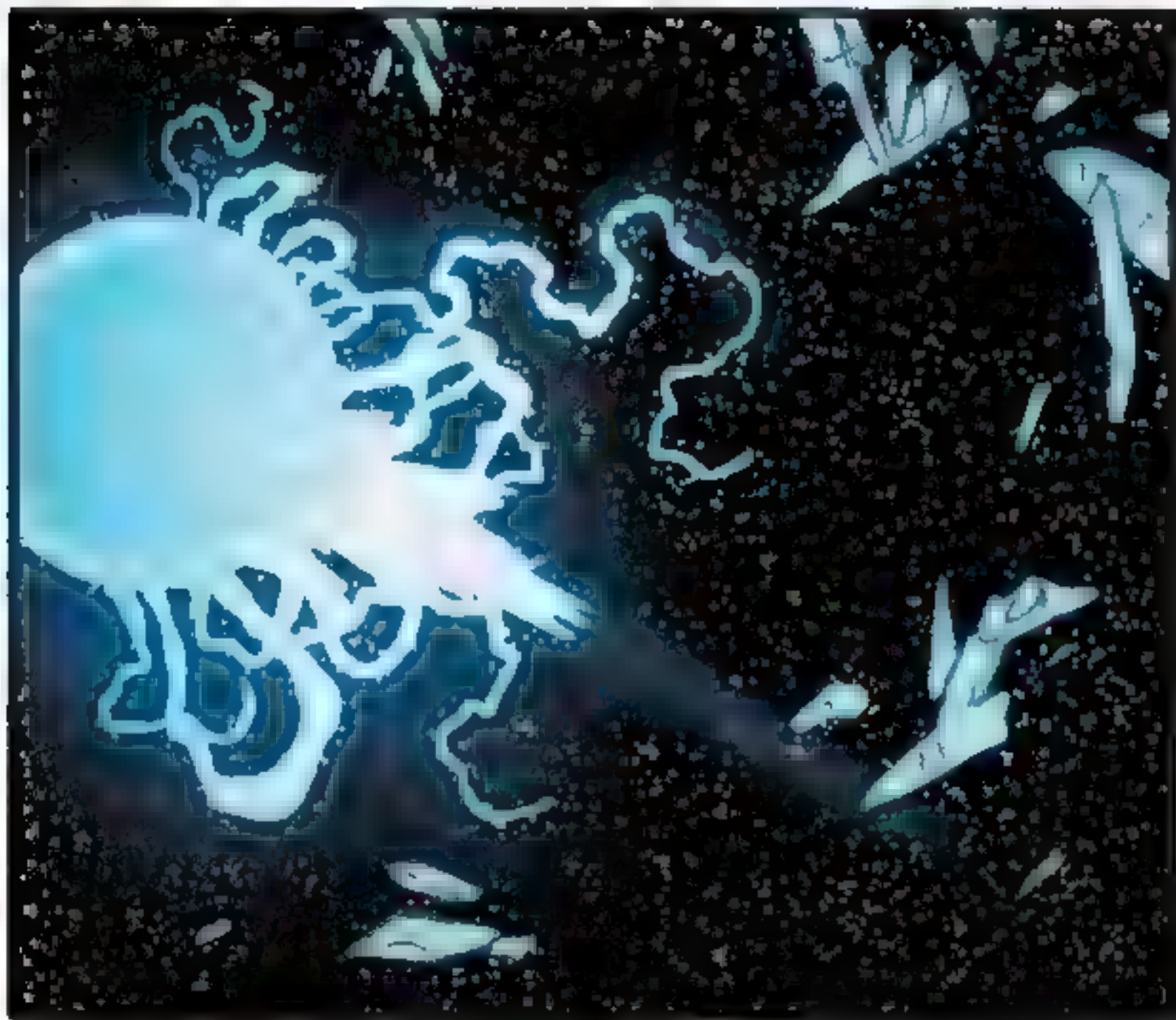
NOW PLEASE,
IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME
TO TAKE YOU TO YOUR
MEN--WHO ARE SAFE ON
A DISTANT PLANET--WE
CAN BRING THEM
HOME.



VERY
WELL.

A SUGGESTION:
PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE TO
ALL YOUR OTHER DIMENSIONAL
COUNTERPARTS THAT IF THEY SEE A
LARGE GREEN MAN FLYING THROUGH
YOUR PRECIOUS "ARTERIAL
DIMENSIONAL BETWEEN-SPACE"...
THEY SHOULD **MOVE**.

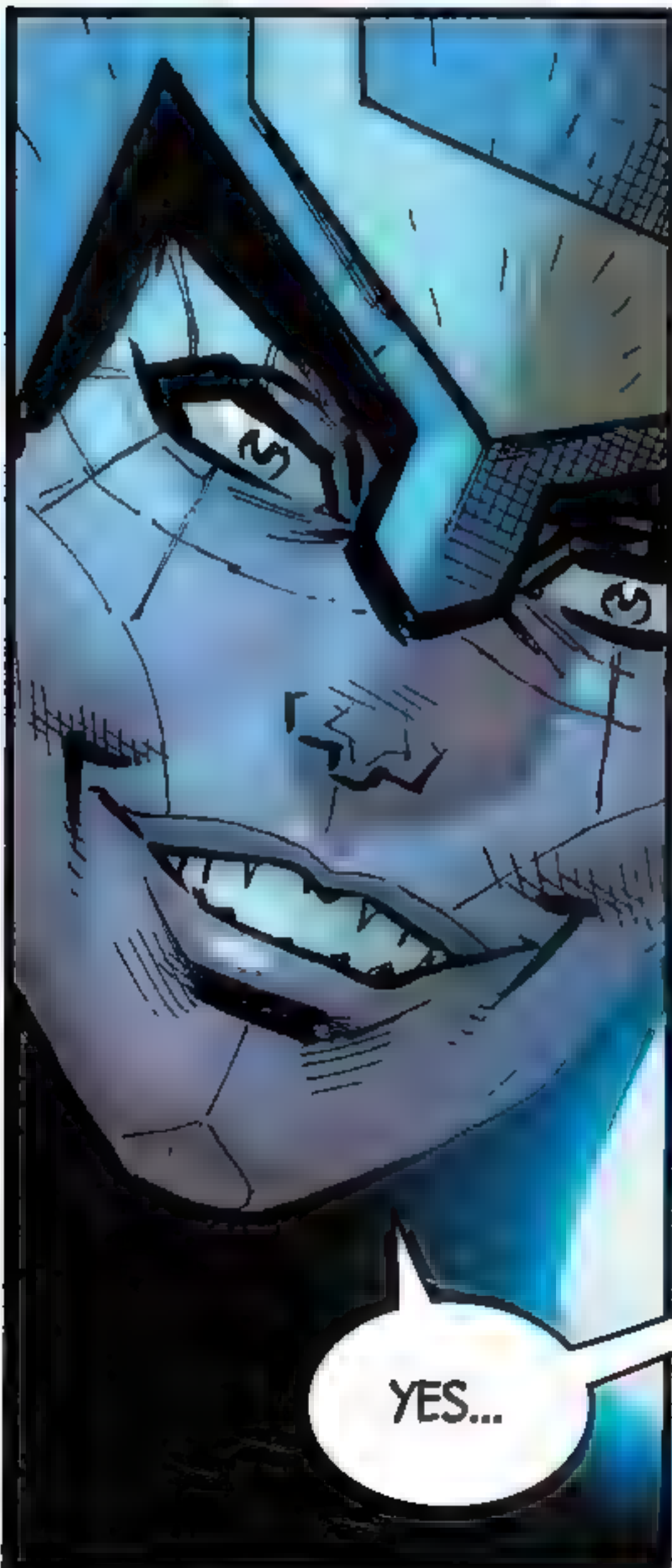
YES,
MA'AM.
NOTED.



WHAT?!



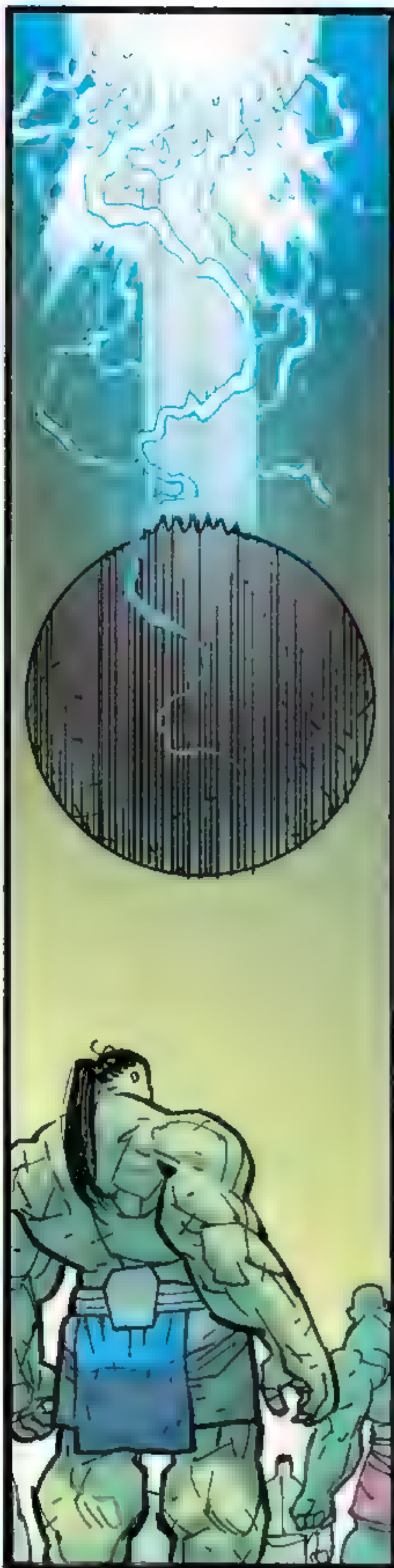
THE
PLANET...IT'S
GONE!



YES...



...BUT
THE **CORE**
REMAINS.





HULK #12



I COULD
LIVE HERE

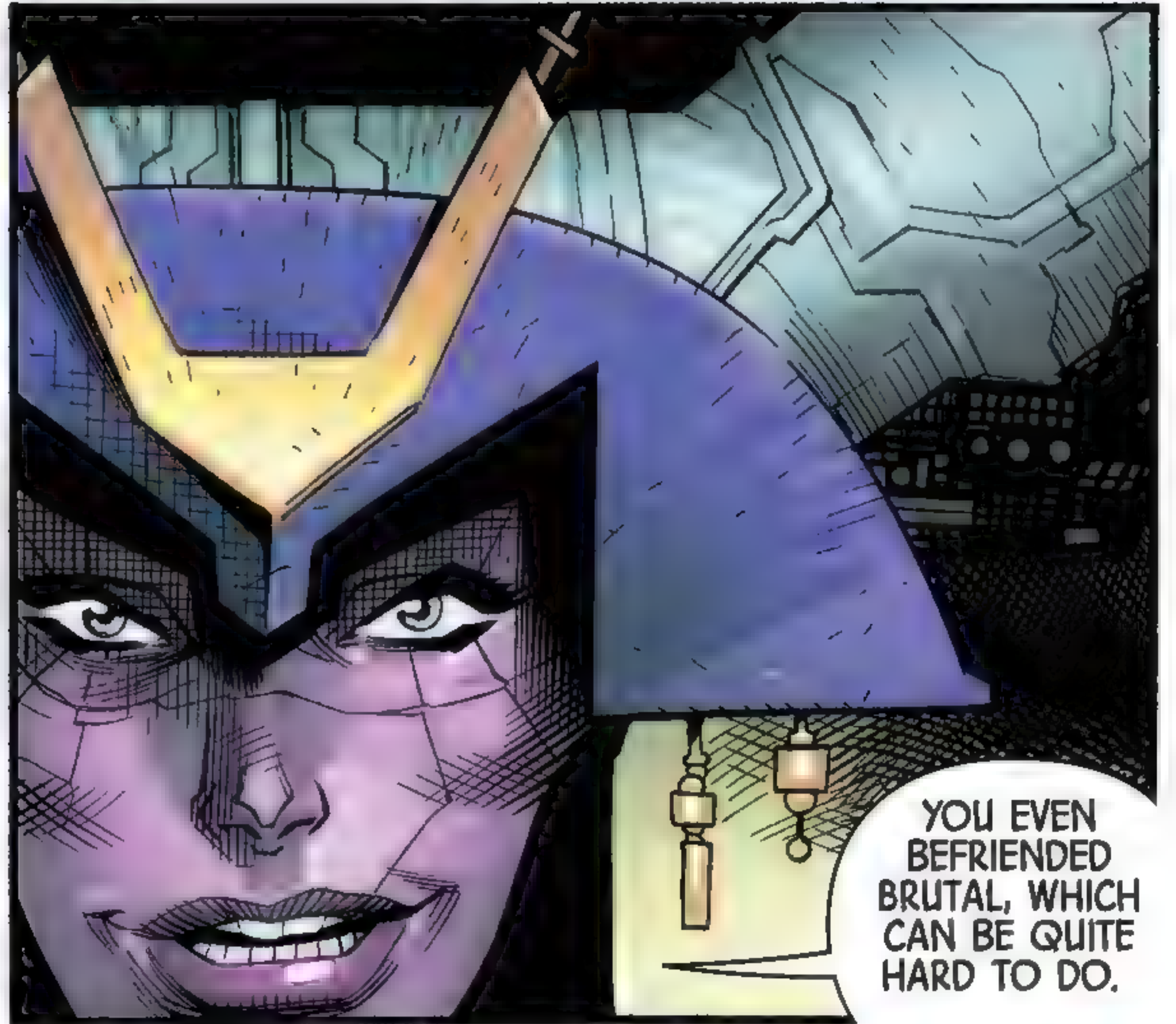


OR, AT THE VERY LEAST VACATION
HERE IF THE AVENGERS COULD SEE
ME NOW SMILING HAPPY AMONG
BEINGS LIKE MYSELF

OR MAYBE I'M IGNORING
MY DEEPER PROBLEMS
DELUSION CAN BE A
COMFORTABLE STATE TO
BE IN. I THINK I'LL JUST
HANG ON TO THE DELUSION
FOR A BIT LONGER



YOU'RE GETTING
ALONG QUITE NICELY HERE,
HULK. OF COURSE, YOU HAD
A HEAD START WITH ALREADY
BEING REVERED AS A GOD, BUT
NONETHELESS, MY PEOPLE
LOVE YOU EVEN
MORE NOW.



YOU EVEN
BEFRIENDED
BRUTAL, WHICH
CAN BE QUITE
HARD TO DO.



HA! SIMPLE
THINGS AMUSE
SIMPLE MINDS.

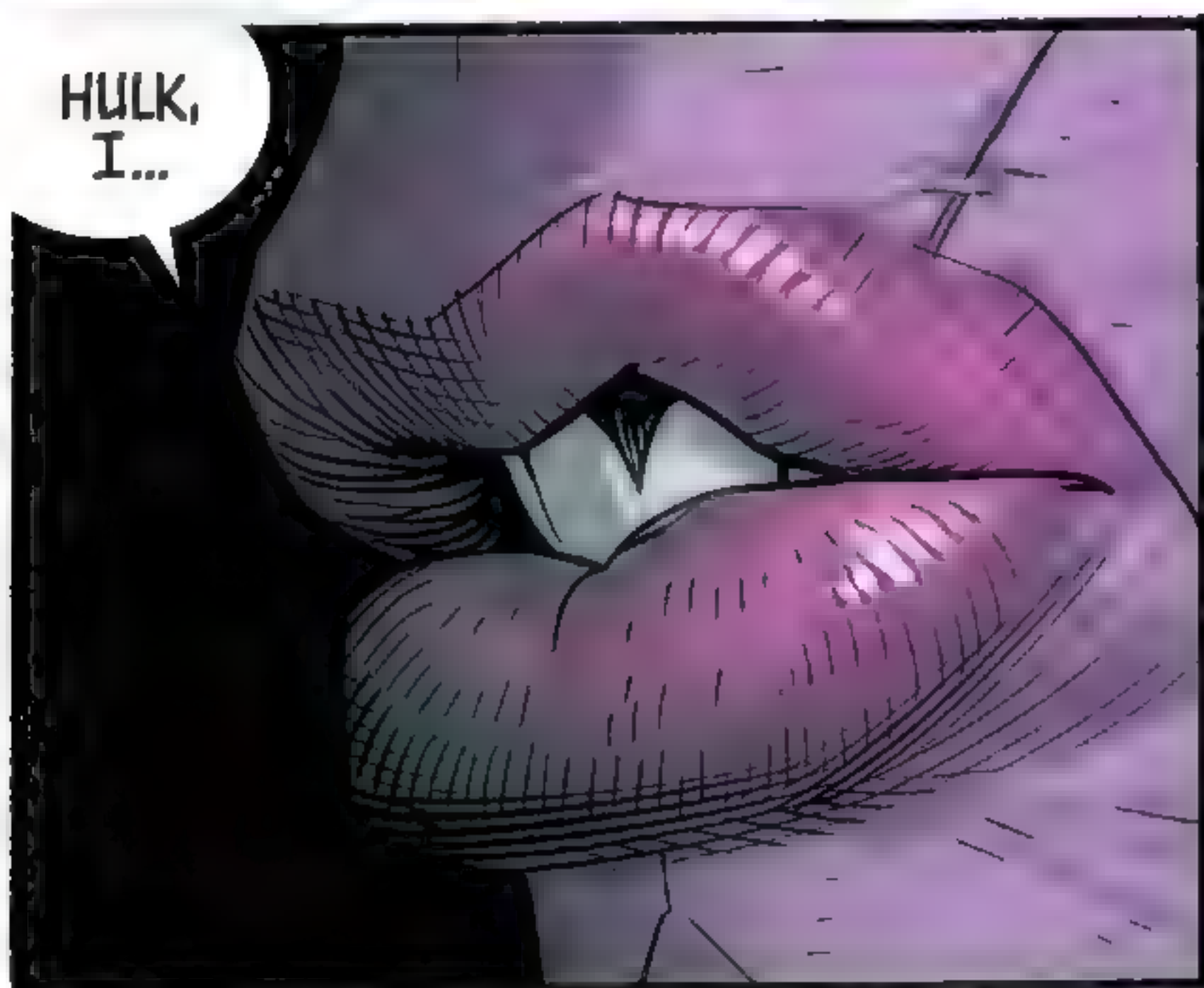


WELL, I'LL REFRAIN FROM LETTING BRUTAL KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF HIS MIND.

UNLESS THAT WAS DIRECTED AT ME AND MY PEOPLE AS WELL?

NO! NO, I'M SORRY. THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT.

REALLY, THIS WHOLE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN...PLEASANT. YOU ALL HAVE MADE ME FEEL VERY WELCOME.



HULK, I...

...I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH. I'VE SEEN IT. AND IN A WAY...EXPERIENCED IT. THIS PLACE WON'T EVER BE AGAINST YOU LIKE SO MANY HAVE BEEN, WE WON'T EVER FIGHT YOU. WE UNDERSTAND YOU.

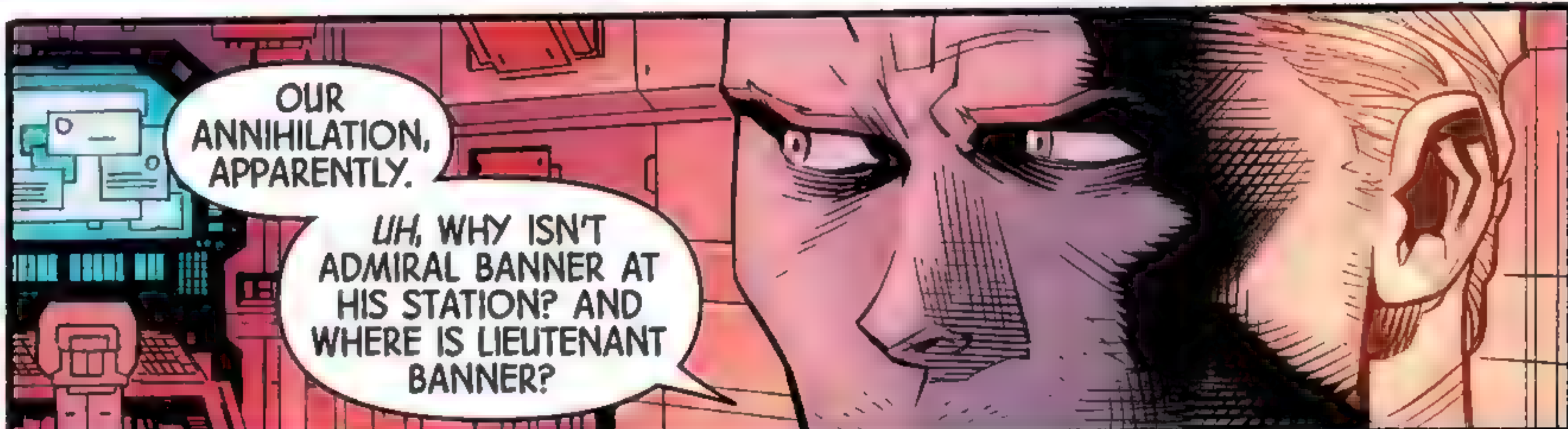
YOU...BELONG HERE...*WITH US*. NO MORE HIDING. YOU CAN LET THE BRUCE SIDE OF YOU GO--YOU ARE *HULK!* COME BE YOUR TRUE SELF HERE AND HELP ME RULE. COME BE OUR--

MONOLITH, I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING--



--BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION. BRUCE *IS* MY TRUE SELF. WHAT I AM IS...COMPLICATED. LISTEN, THERE'S HONESTLY NO POINT IN DISCUSSING IT FURTHER.

SIR, WHAT IS SHE SUGGESTING EXACTLY?



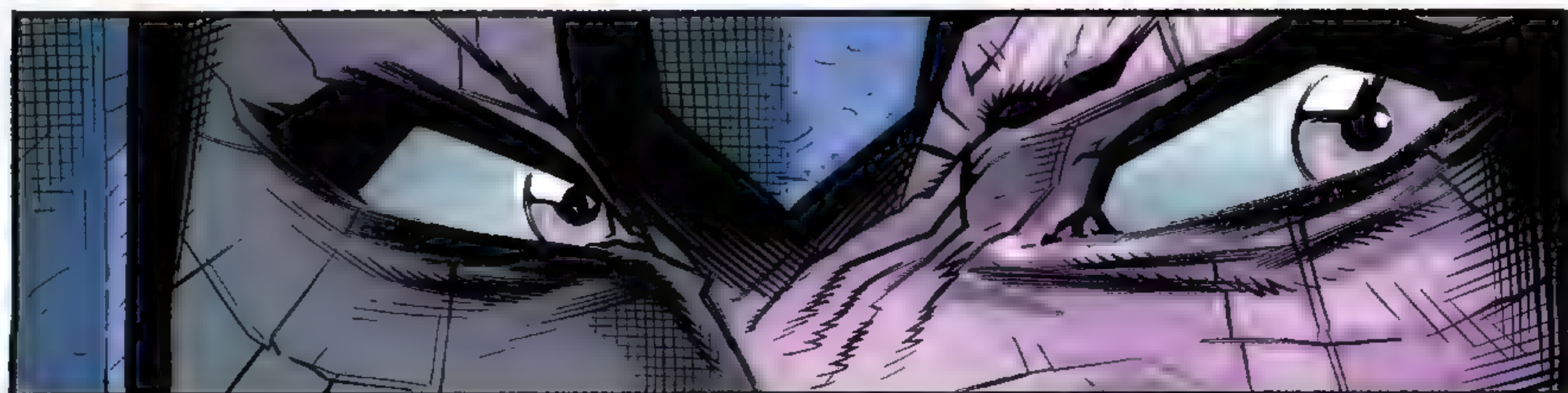
OUR ANNIHILATION, APPARENTLY.

UH, WHY ISN'T ADMIRAL BANNER AT HIS STATION? AND WHERE IS LIEUTENANT BANNER?



WE CAN HELP YOU RID YOURSELF OF THIS BRUCE PERSONA, WE CAN--

SERIOUSLY... I AM DONE WITH THIS CONVERSATION. MAYBE STICK WITH SIMPLE THINGS THAT YOUR SIMPLE MIND CAN UNDERSTAND.





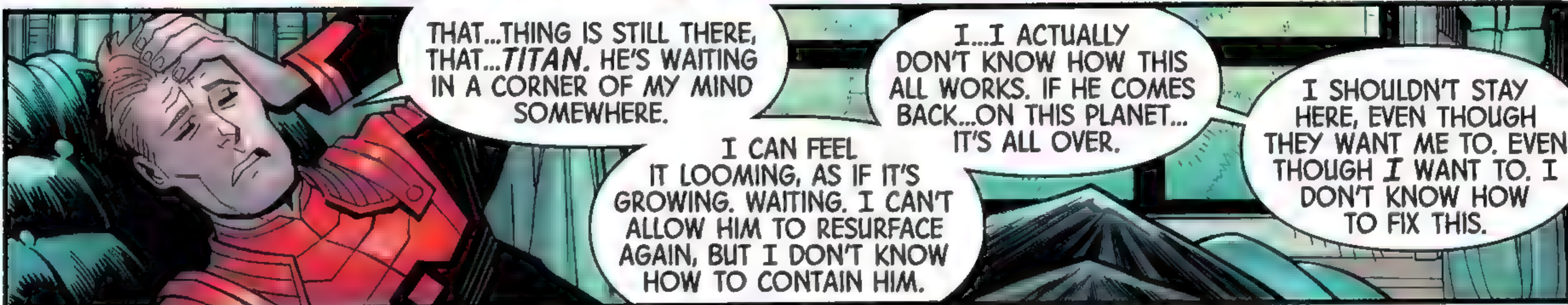
I'LL BE BACK
IN AN HOUR.
FIND THE ADMIRAL
AND LIEUTENANT.
NOW.

YES,
SIR.



HELLO,
BRUCE, HOW
GOES IT?

LET'S GET
RIGHT DOWN TO
IT, SAMSON. I LIKE IT
HERE, I REALLY DO. BUT
I'M NO DUMMY, I
REALIZE &%\$# COULD
HIT THE FAN AT
ANY MOMENT.



THAT...THING IS STILL THERE,
THAT...TITAN. HE'S WAITING
IN A CORNER OF MY MIND
SOMEWHERE.

I CAN FEEL
IT LOOMING, AS IF IT'S
GROWING. WAITING. I CAN'T
ALLOW HIM TO RESURFACE
AGAIN, BUT I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO CONTAIN HIM.

I...I ACTUALLY
DON'T KNOW HOW THIS
ALL WORKS. IF HE COMES
BACK...ON THIS PLANET...
IT'S ALL OVER.

I SHOULDN'T STAY
HERE, EVEN THOUGH
THEY WANT ME TO. EVEN
THOUGH I WANT TO. I
DON'T KNOW HOW
TO FIX THIS.

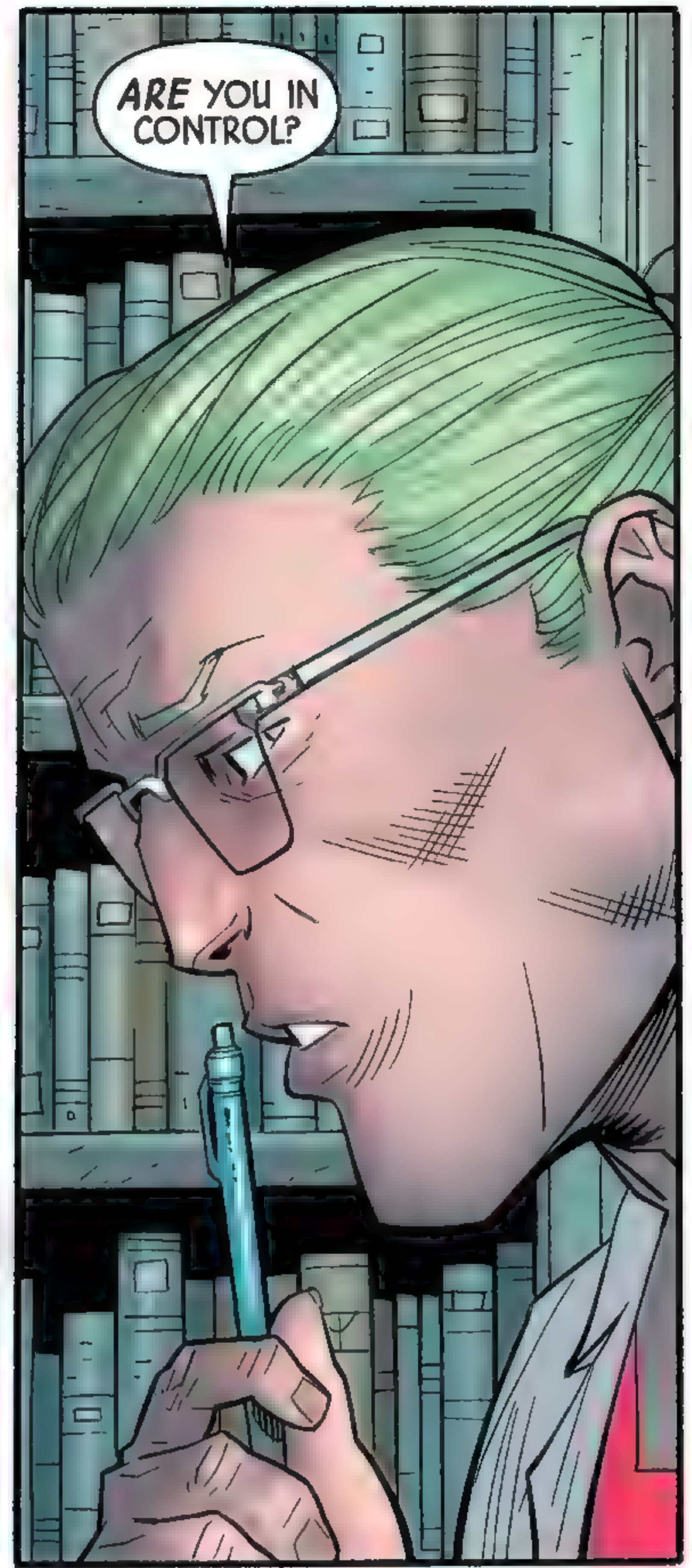


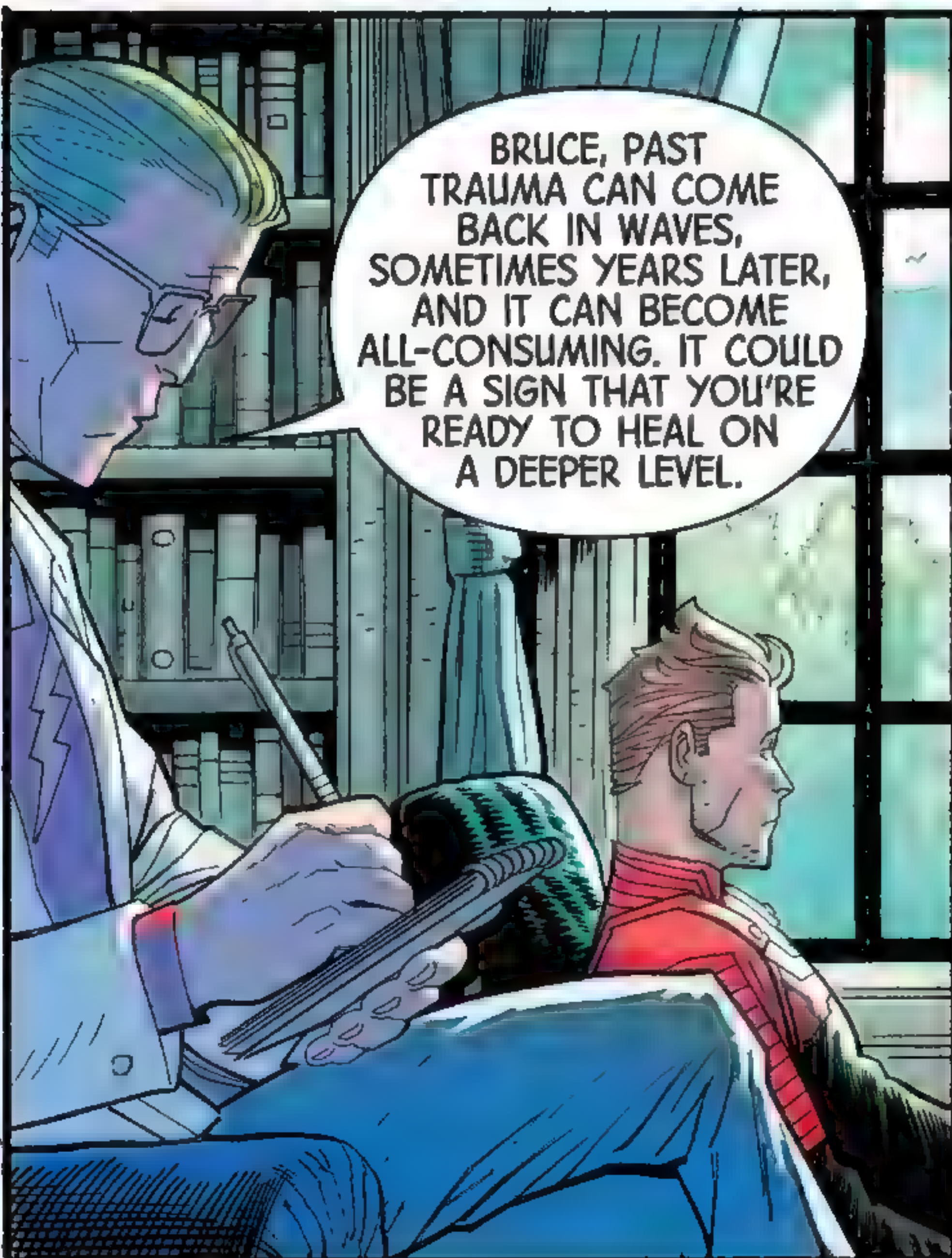
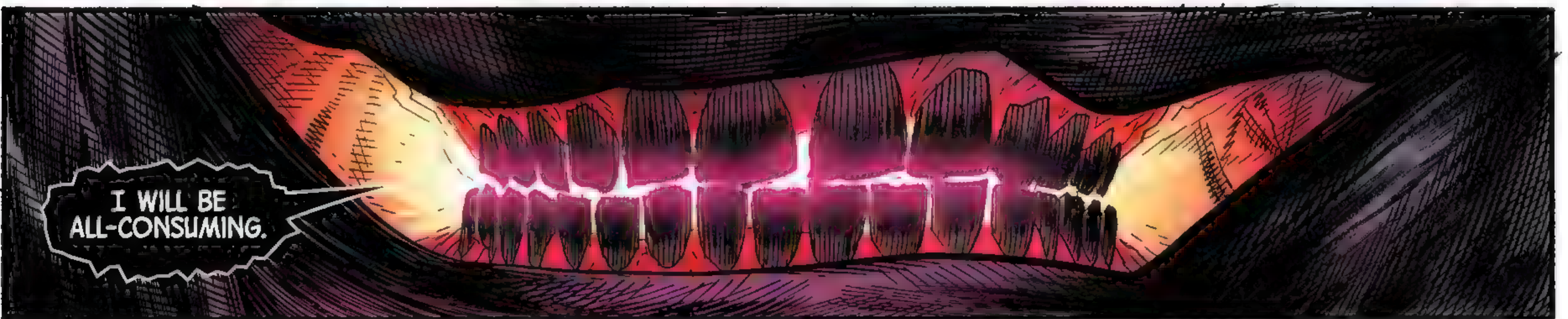
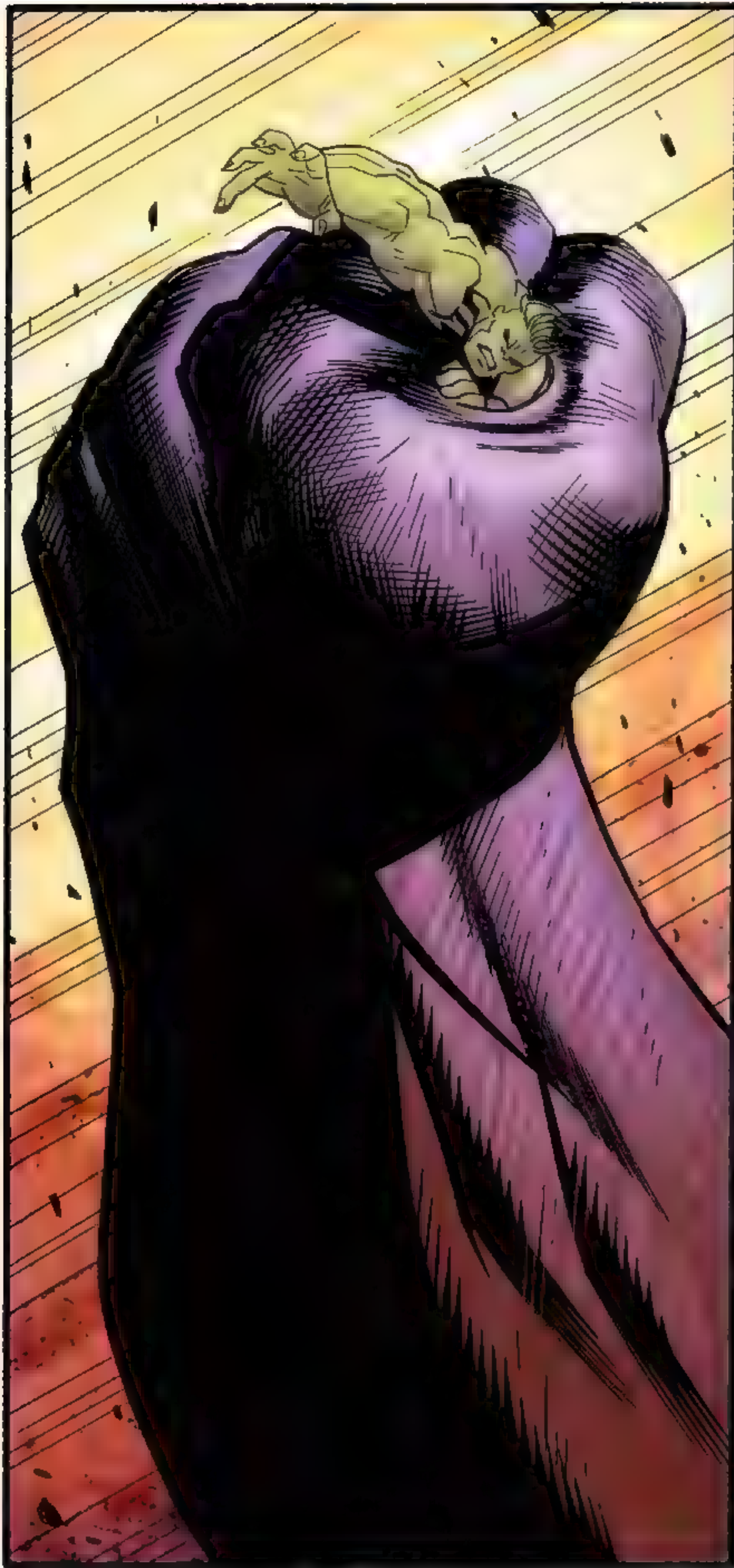
BRUCE...I'M
GOING TO SAY THIS
AS GENTLY AS I CAN,
JUST KNOW IT'S ONLY TO
OPEN US UP FOR A
CONVERSATION THAT
WE'VE NEEDED TO HAVE
FOR A WHILE NOW.

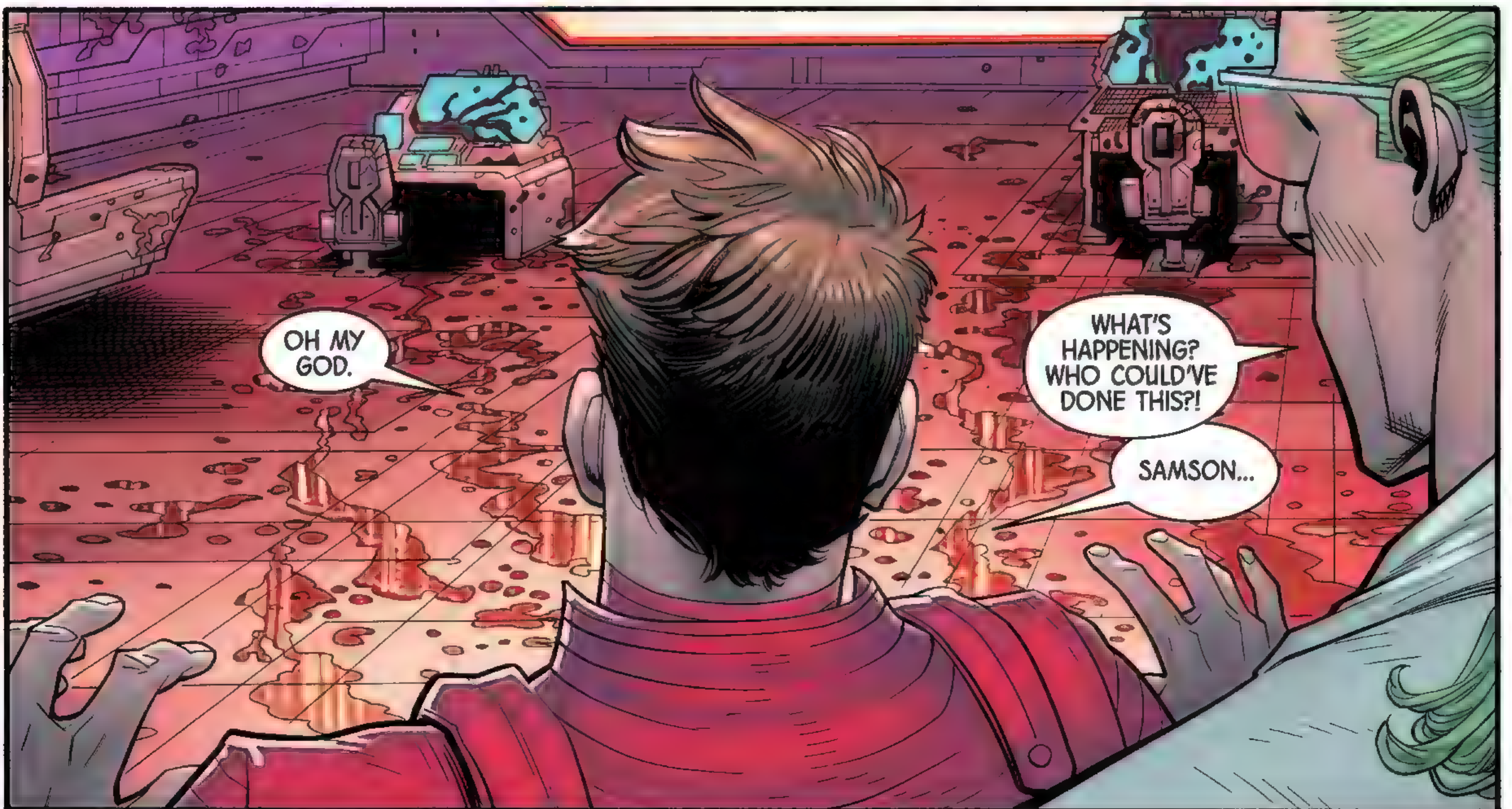
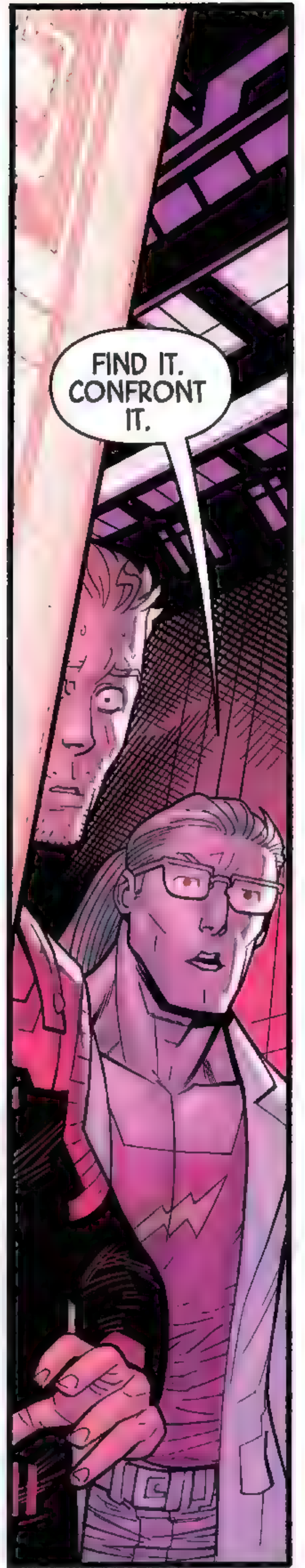
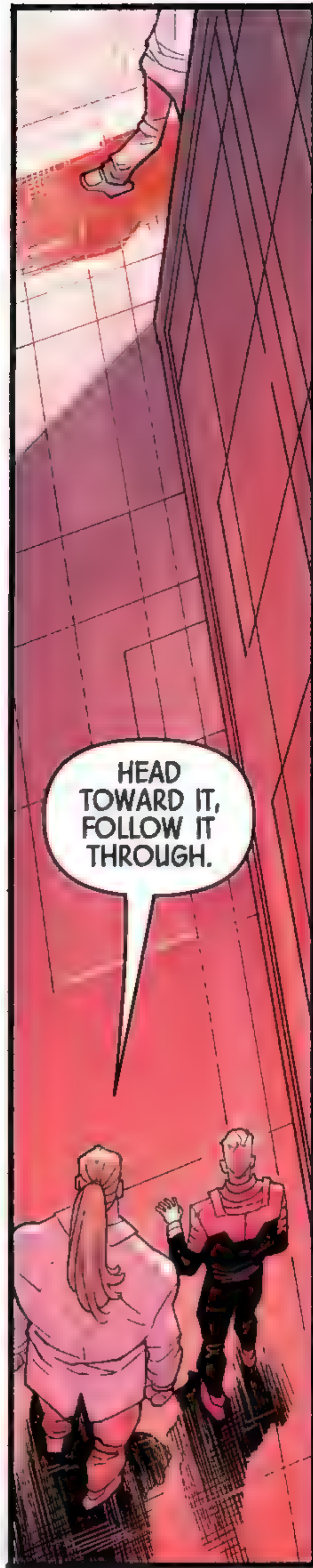
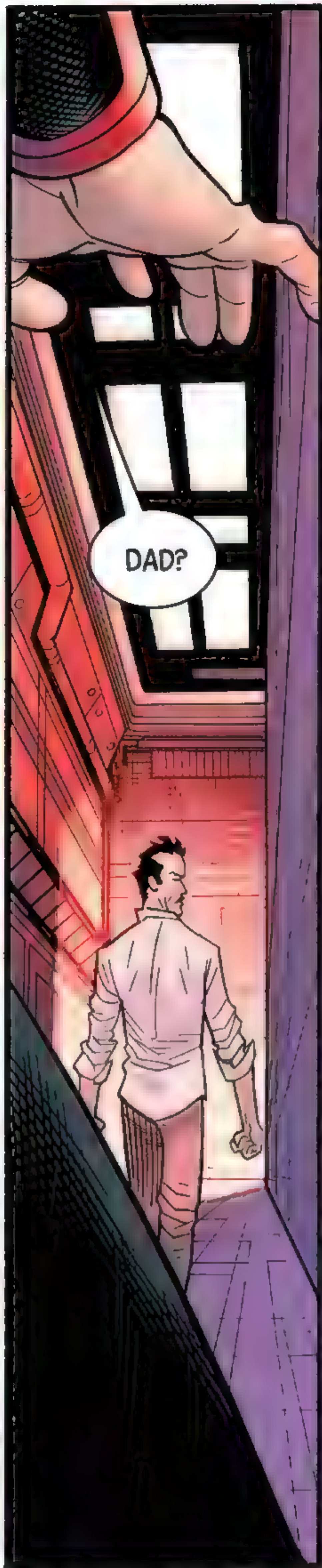
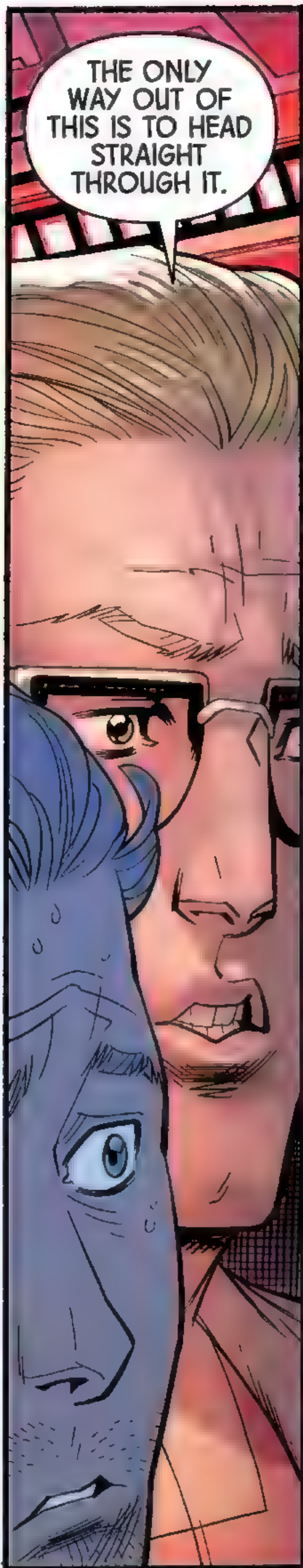
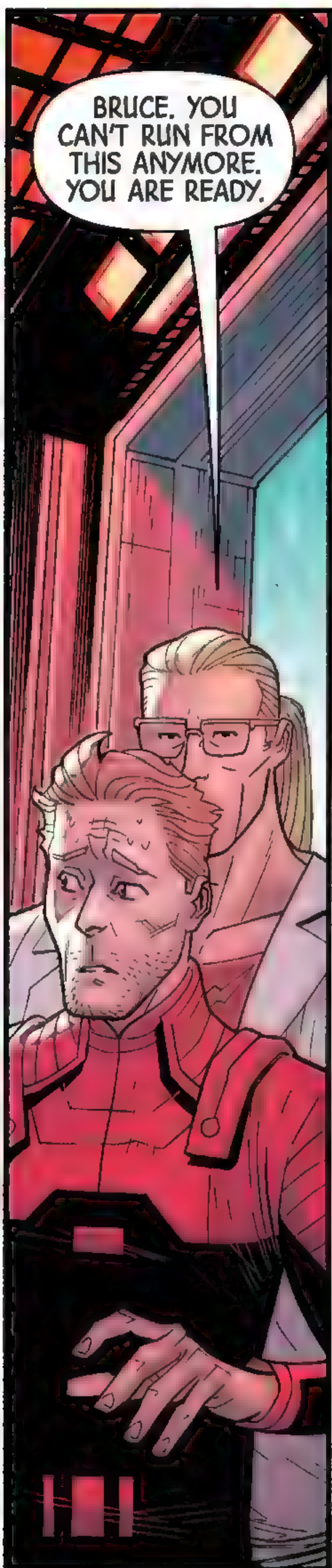
HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED THE
ALTERNATIVE AT ALL?
THE DISMANTLING OF
THE MIND PALACE,
GOING BACK TO
NORMAL?



YOU'RE MINE
NOW. YOUR MIND.
YOUR BODY. AND
SOON ENOUGH,
YOUR WORLD.









...I HAVE TO LEAVE THIS PLANET NOW.

THIS FEELS LIKE MORE THAN JUST TRAUMA RESPONSES.

TITAN IS *HERE*, HE'S MESSING WITH ME, HE'S COMING. HE'S TRYING TO GAIN CONTROL AGAIN.

I CAN'T LET HIM. I'M LITERALLY LOSING MY MIND HERE. I CAN'T PUT THIS PLANET, THESE PEOPLE, IN DANGER.



HULK, I MUST SPEAK WITH YOU.

MONOLITH, I HONESTLY CAN'T HAVE A CONVERSATION RIGHT NOW!



BRUCE, PLEASE STOP. GET TO A SAFE PLACE, WE'LL MAKE SURE TITAN DOESN'T EMERGE. REMEMBER--THIS IS *YOUR* BRAIN, YOU'RE IN CONTROL.

LISTEN, I KNOW I PROMISED TO NOT ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR MIND PALACE AGAIN, BUT IF THIS GETS TOO FAR...



...I NEED TO KNOW WHO BUILT THIS. MAYBE I CAN GET AHEAD OF WHOEVER HELPED YOU CREATE IT, MAYBE THEY CAN HELP.

AND WITH *THAT*, I'M DONE. I CAN HANDLE THIS WITHOUT YOU FOR NOW. GOODBYE, SAMSON, I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN IF I NEED YOUR HELP. **END PROGRAM.**

BRUCE, WAIT...!



PLEASE, HULK...BRUCE... PLEASE...LET ME HELP YOU.

EVERYONE'S VERSION OF HELP IS WAY TOO INTRUSIVE FOR ME. JUST LEAVE. I'M GOING TO HANDLE THIS ALONE.



NO,
YOU ARE
NOT.



HULK, WHERE
ARE YOU GOING?
YOU CANNOT
LEAVE! YOU'RE IN
DANGER!

I'VE
GOTTA LEAVE,
I HAVE...



...SOMETHING
INSIDE OF ME...
I DON'T WANT
IT TO HURT
ANYONE.

I'M SORRY
I DIDN'T TELL
YOU AT FIRST--I
THOUGHT I HAD
IT UNDER
CONTROL.

BUT SOMETHING
IS HAPPENING IN MY
MIND, AND I FEEL I'M
RAPIDLY LOSING
CONTROL--I JUST
CAN'T BE HERE.



SO YOU
KNOW?

YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE
NUCLEAR DEVICES
IMPLANTED IN
YOUR HEAD?

WHO DID
THIS TO YOU?
WE CAN FIND
THEM, WE CAN
DESTROY THEM
FOR DOING
SUCH--



NO...
NO. NOT
THAT.

THE DEVICES
IMPLANTED IN MY
MIND ARE...WELL...MY
LAST GIFT TO THE
HULK.

WHEN I
INEVITABLY DIE, HULK
WILL LIVE ON FOREVER,
TORMENTING ANY SOUL HE
COMES ACROSS. THE NUCLEAR
EXPLOSIVES GIVE ME ONE FINAL
CHANCE TO HAVE HIM DIE
ALONG WITH ME. MAYBE,
JUST MAYBE, IT'LL
WORK.

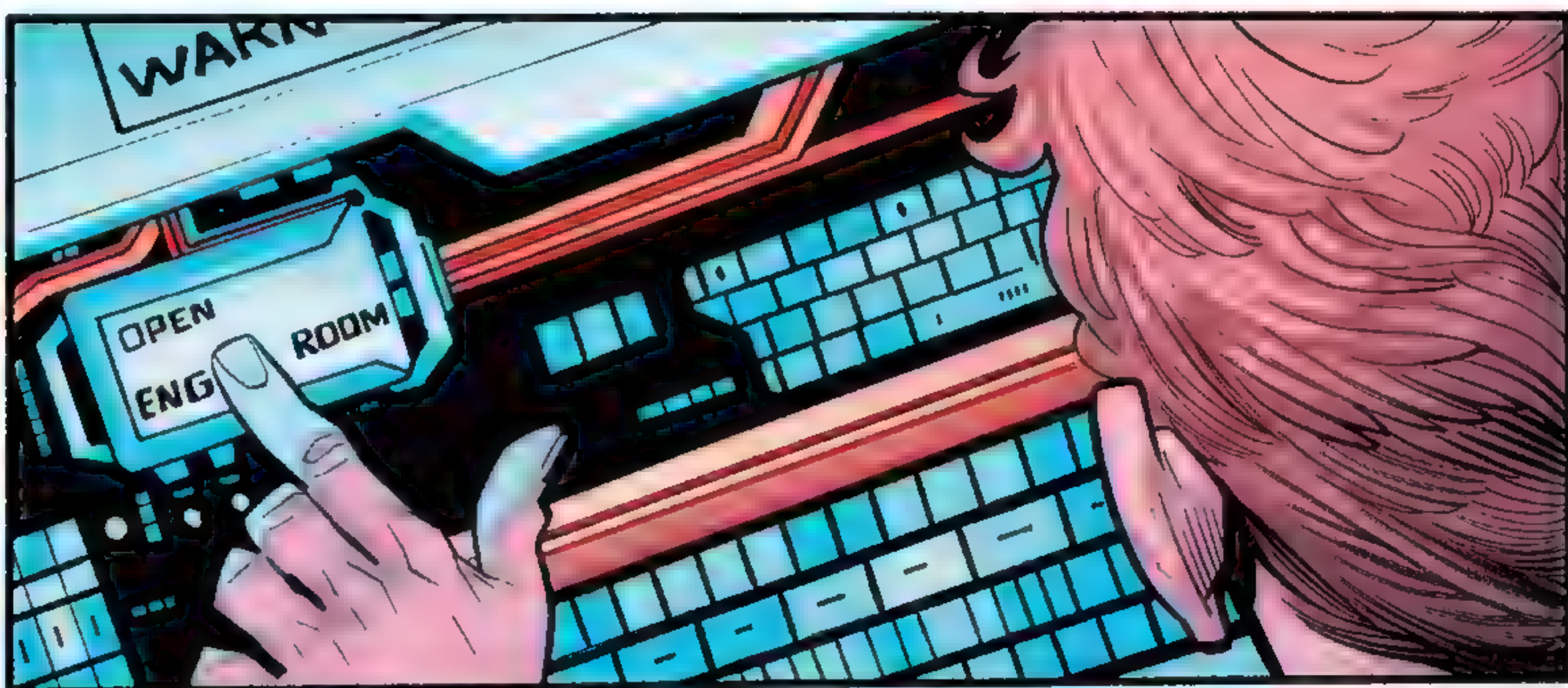
MAYBE HE'LL
BE SEPARATED INTO
ENOUGH TINY PIECES OVER
FAR ENOUGH DISTANCES
THAT... WELL, YOU GET IT. I
KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR
YOU TO UNDERSTAND
NOW...



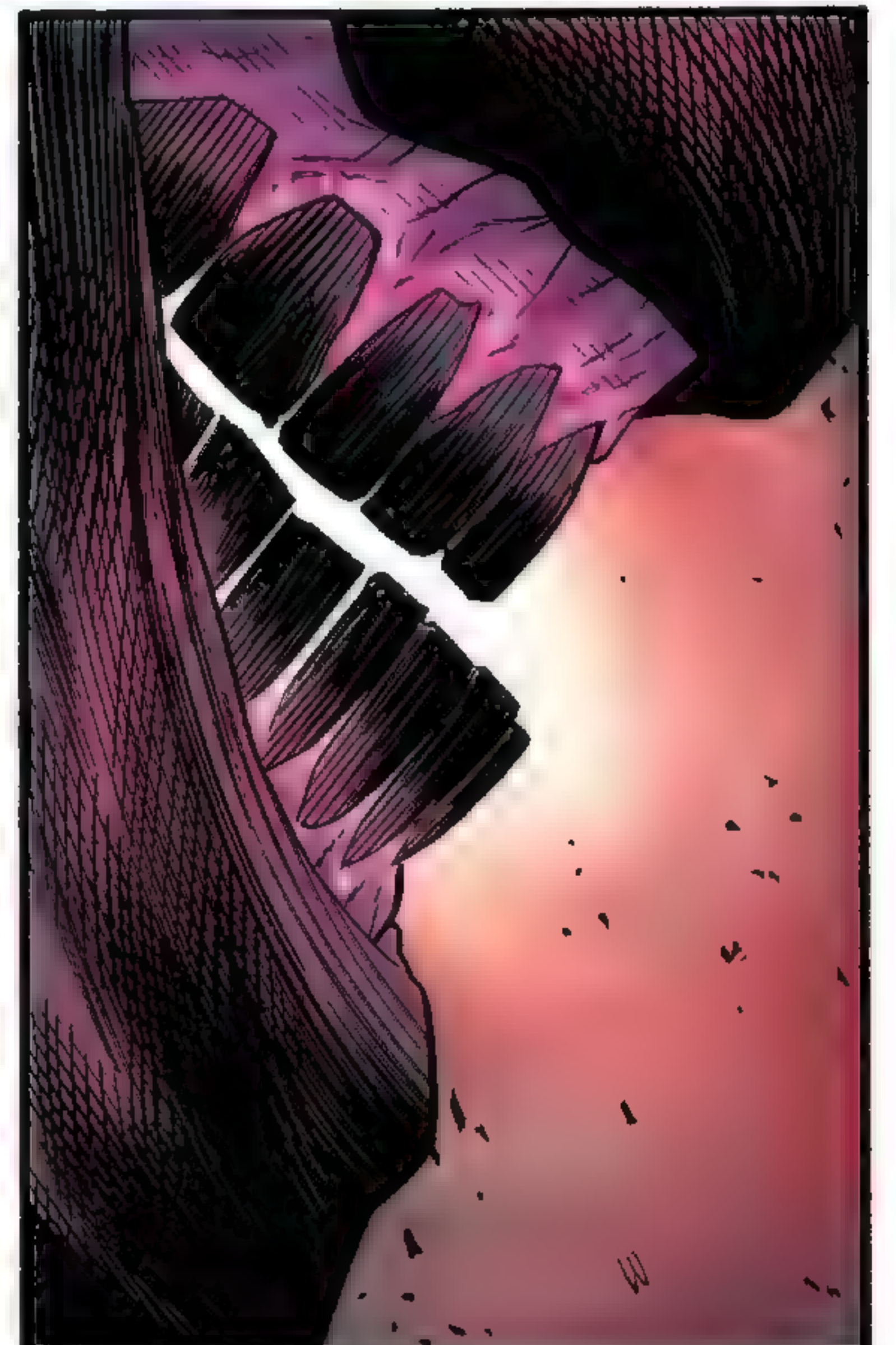
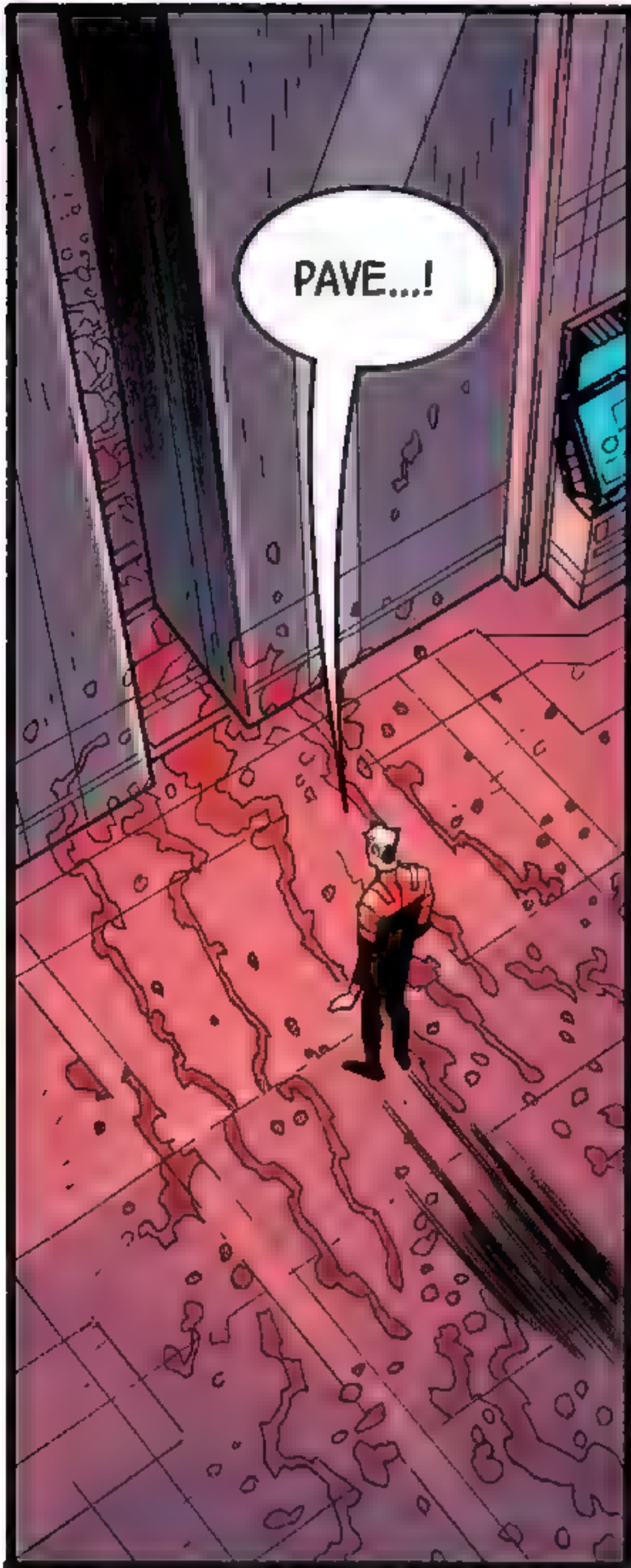
...YOU'LL JUST
HAVE TO TRUST ME--
THERE'S SOMETHING MUCH
MORE DESTRUCTIVE INSIDE
ME, MORE THAN YOU COULD
EVER IMAGINE. I REALLY
SHOULD GO.

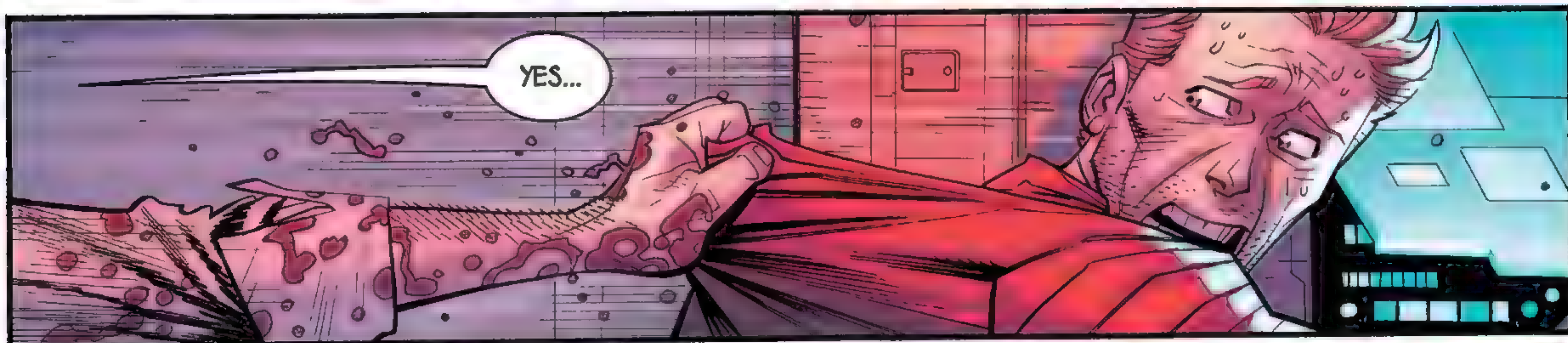
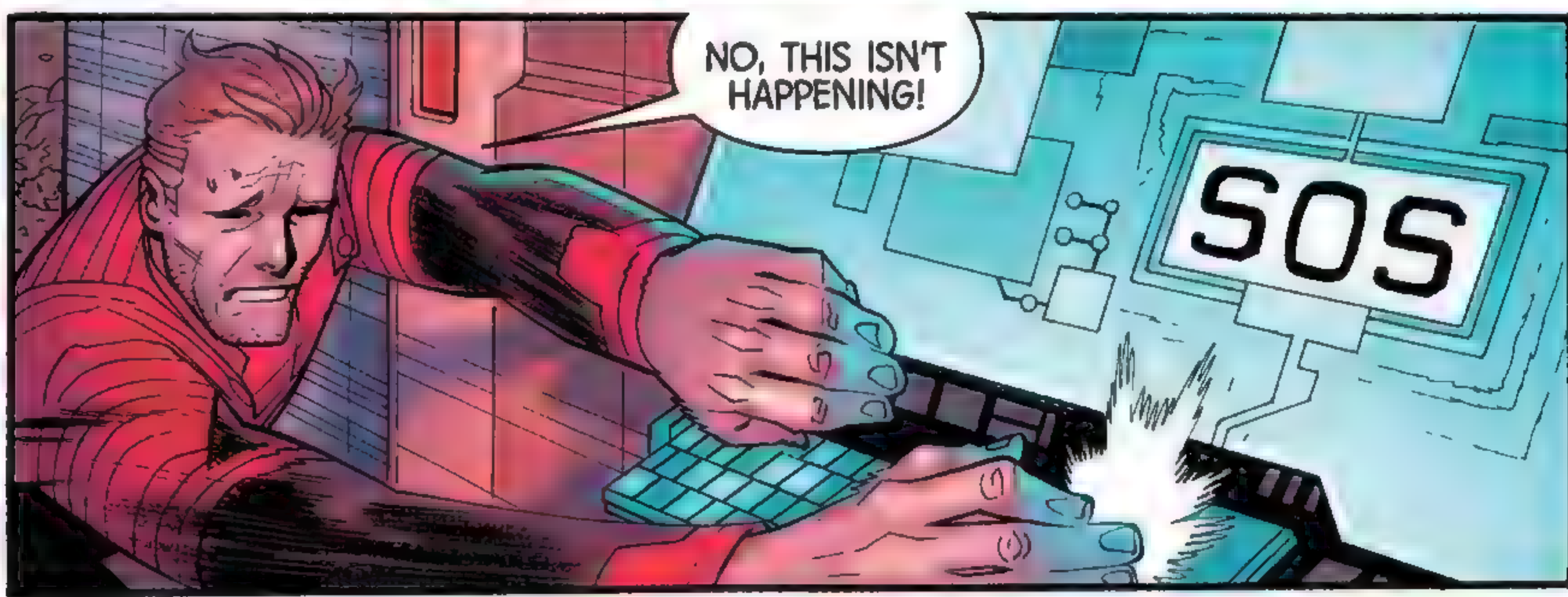
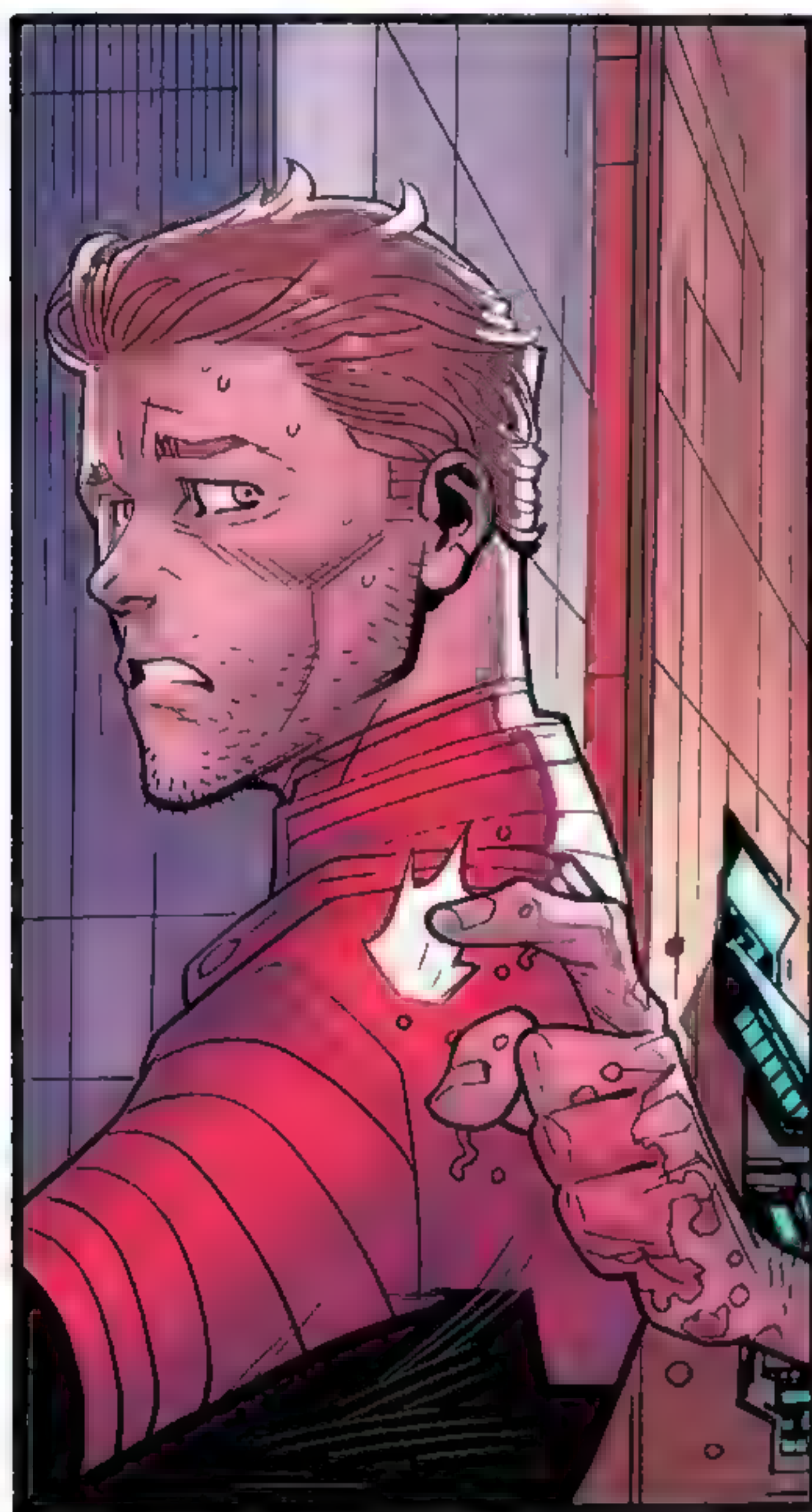


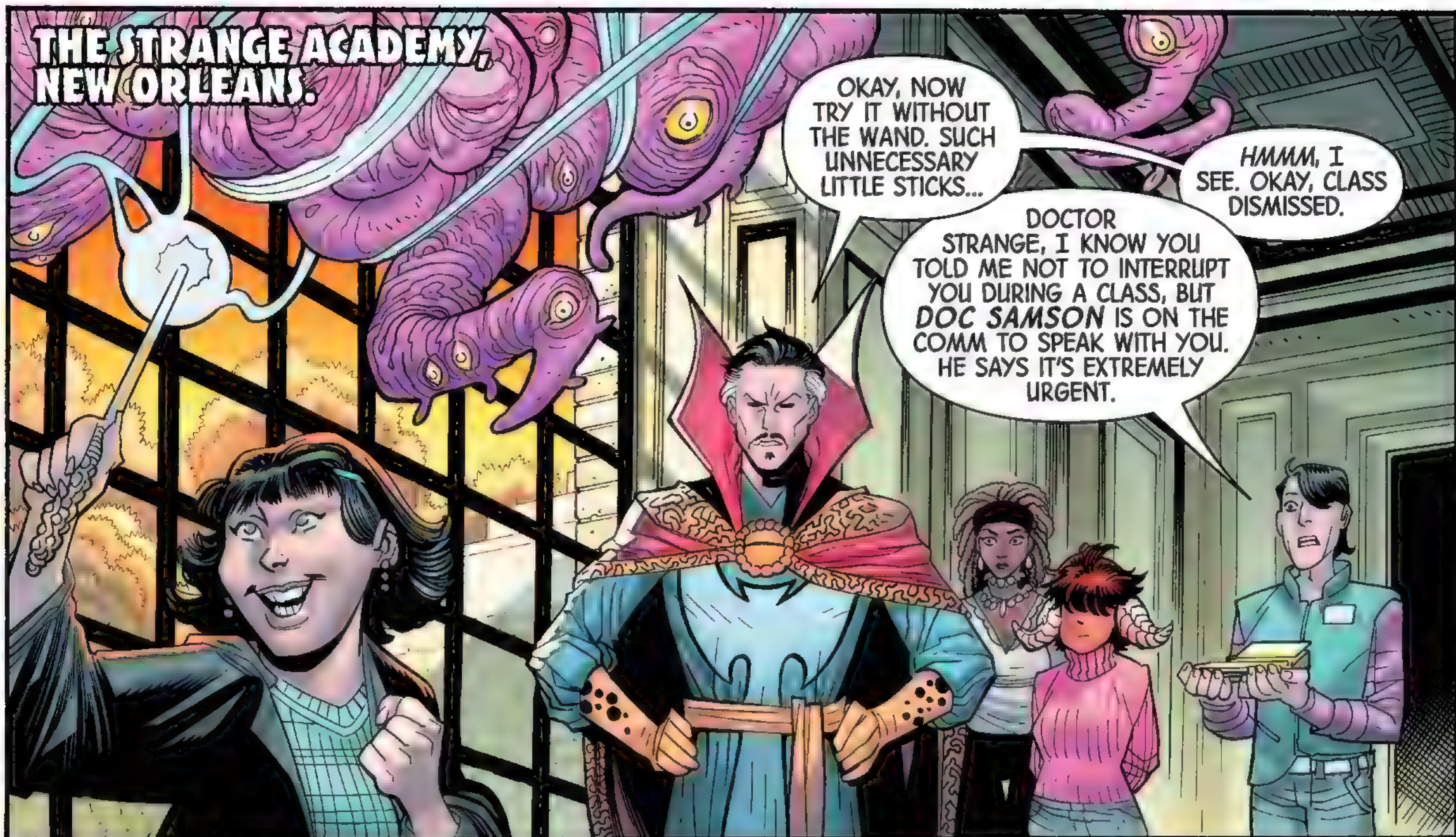
HE'S GONE
MAD. PAVE, BRUTAL,
APPREHEND HIM.



SORRY, HULK.
I HAVE TO DO
THIS--FOR THE
GOOD OF OUR
PEOPLE.







THE STRANGE ACADEMY, NEW ORLEANS.

OKAY, NOW
TRY IT WITHOUT
THE WAND. SUCH
UNNECESSARY
LITTLE STICKS...

HMMM, I
SEE. OKAY, CLASS
DISMISSED.

DOCTOR
STRANGE, I KNOW YOU
TOLD ME NOT TO INTERRUPT
YOU DURING A CLASS, BUT
DOC SAMSON IS ON THE
COMM TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
HE SAYS IT'S EXTREMELY
URGENT.

LEONARD! LONG
TIME NO S--WAIT,
SASQUATCH?!

NO, STEPHEN,
IT IS LEONARD.
SASQUATCH AND I
GOT STUCK IN EACH
OTHER'S BODIES--

--BUT THAT'S A
LONG STORY* AND
I'VE GOT SOMETHING
TO TELL YOU THAT
CAN'T WAIT.

THIS
MIGHT BE A BIT OF
A SHOCK...BUT BRUCE
BANNER IS ALIVE. I'VE
BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
HIM FOR A WHILE
NOW.

HE FINALLY
SENT COORDINATES
TO HIS WHEREABOUTS,
AND HE NEEDS
OUR HELP.

*SEE IMMORTAL HULK #40. --WIL



I ADMIT THAT
WHEN I LEARNED BANNER
HAD DIED ON ASGARD, I
WAS MORE THAN A LITTLE
SUSPICIOUS--

--BUT IT'D BE
HYPOCRITICAL OF ME
TO JUDGE OTHERS FOR
LETTING PEOPLE THINK
THEY'RE DEAD.*

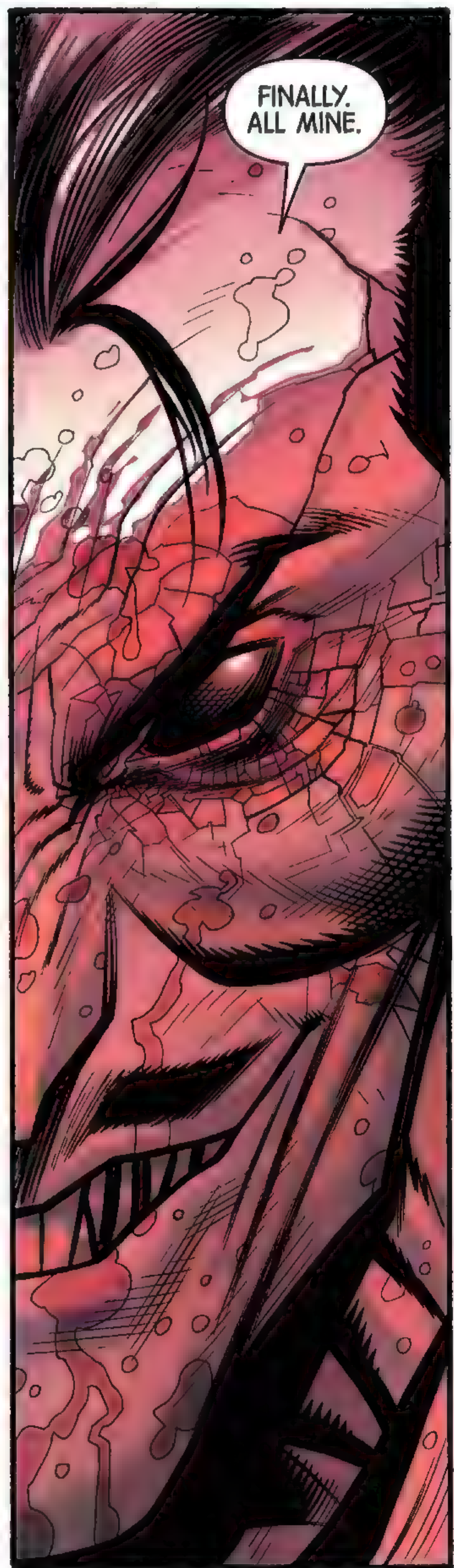
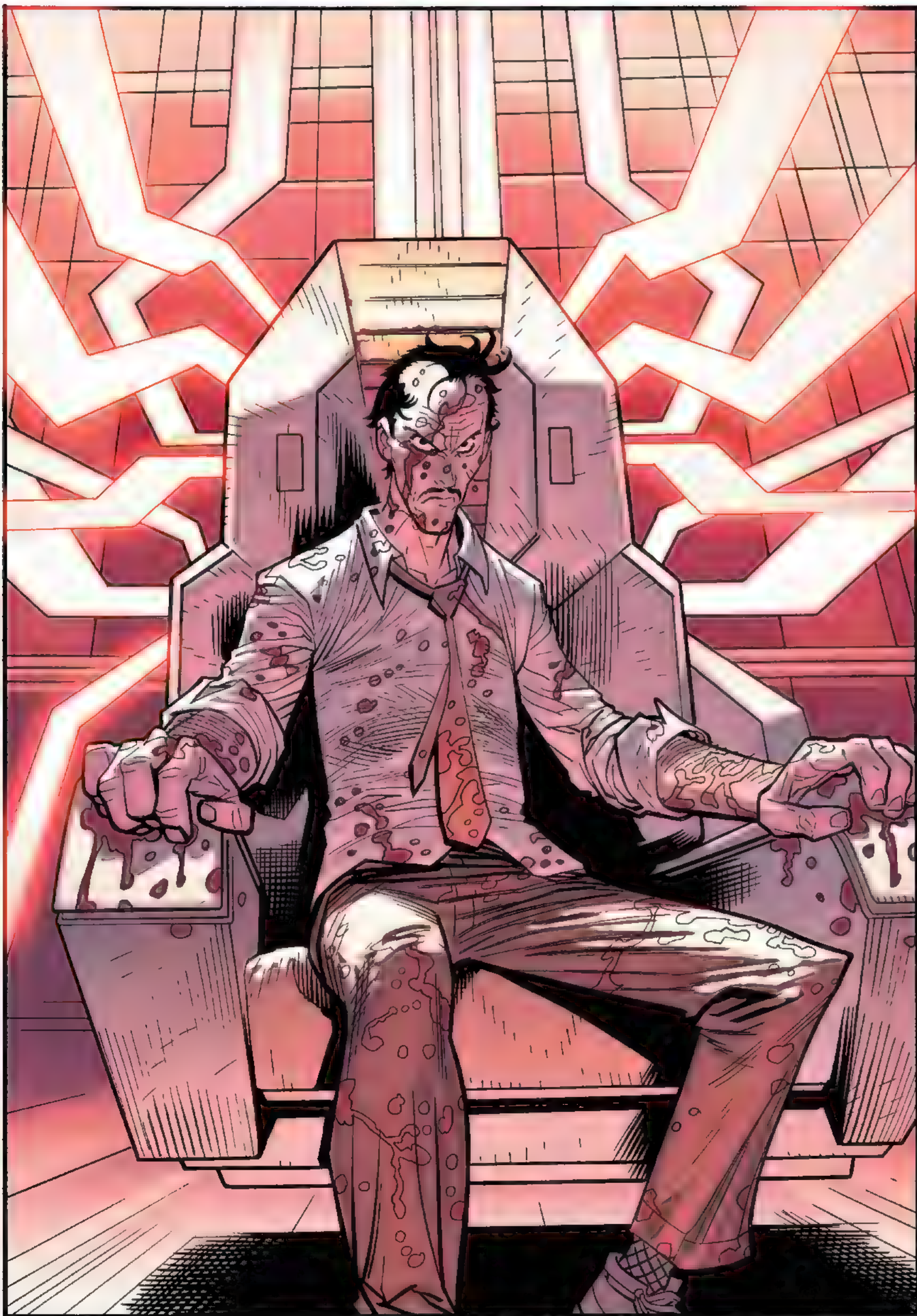
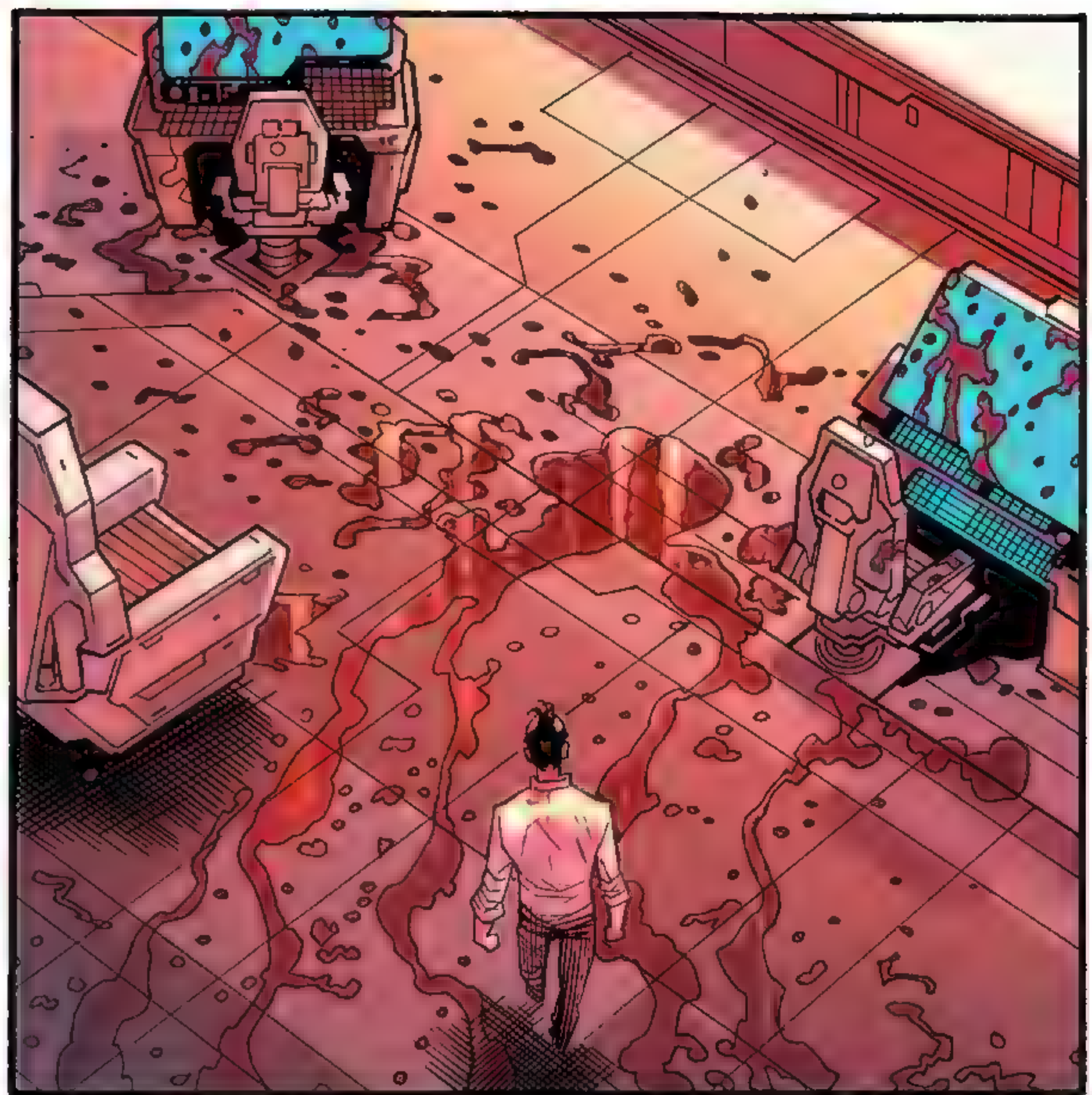
SO TELL
ME...

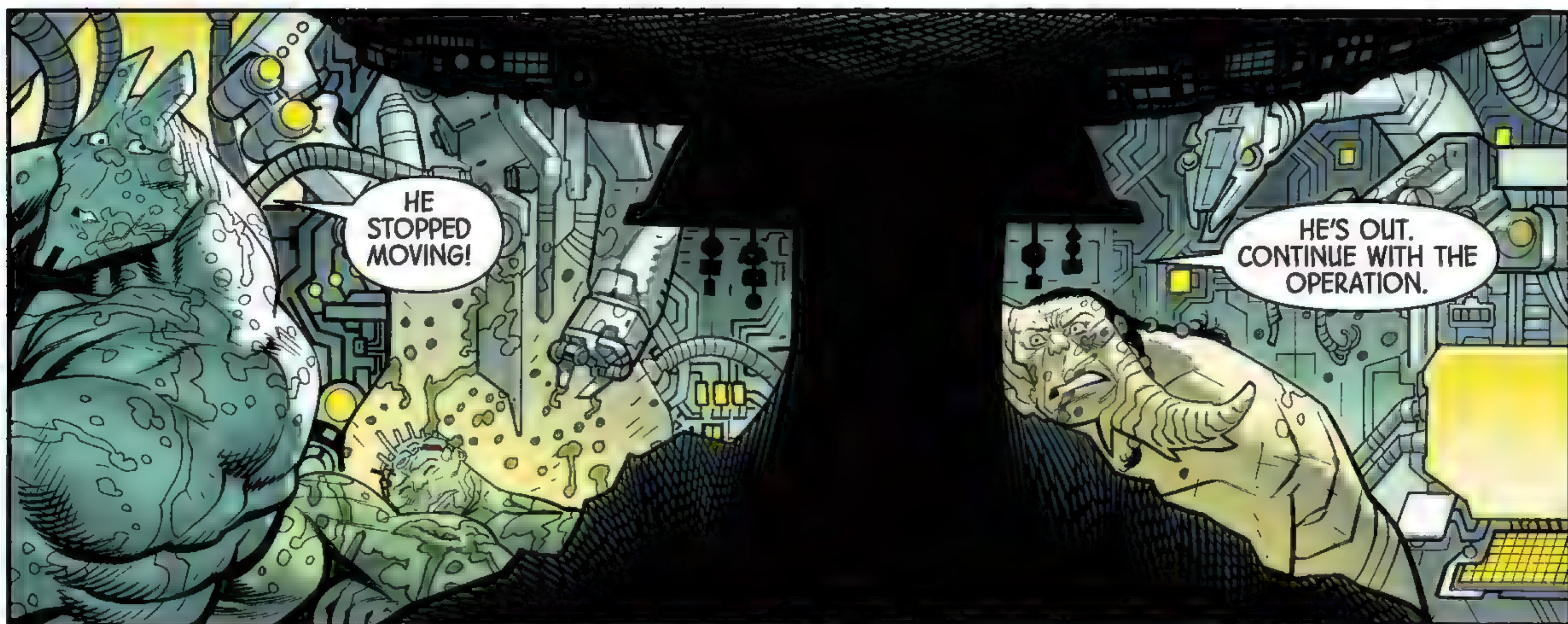
*SEE THE STRANGE SERIES THAT JUST WRAPPED
LAST MONTH. (AND DON'T MISS NEXT MONTH'S
DOCTOR STRANGE #1!) --HYPEMAN WIL



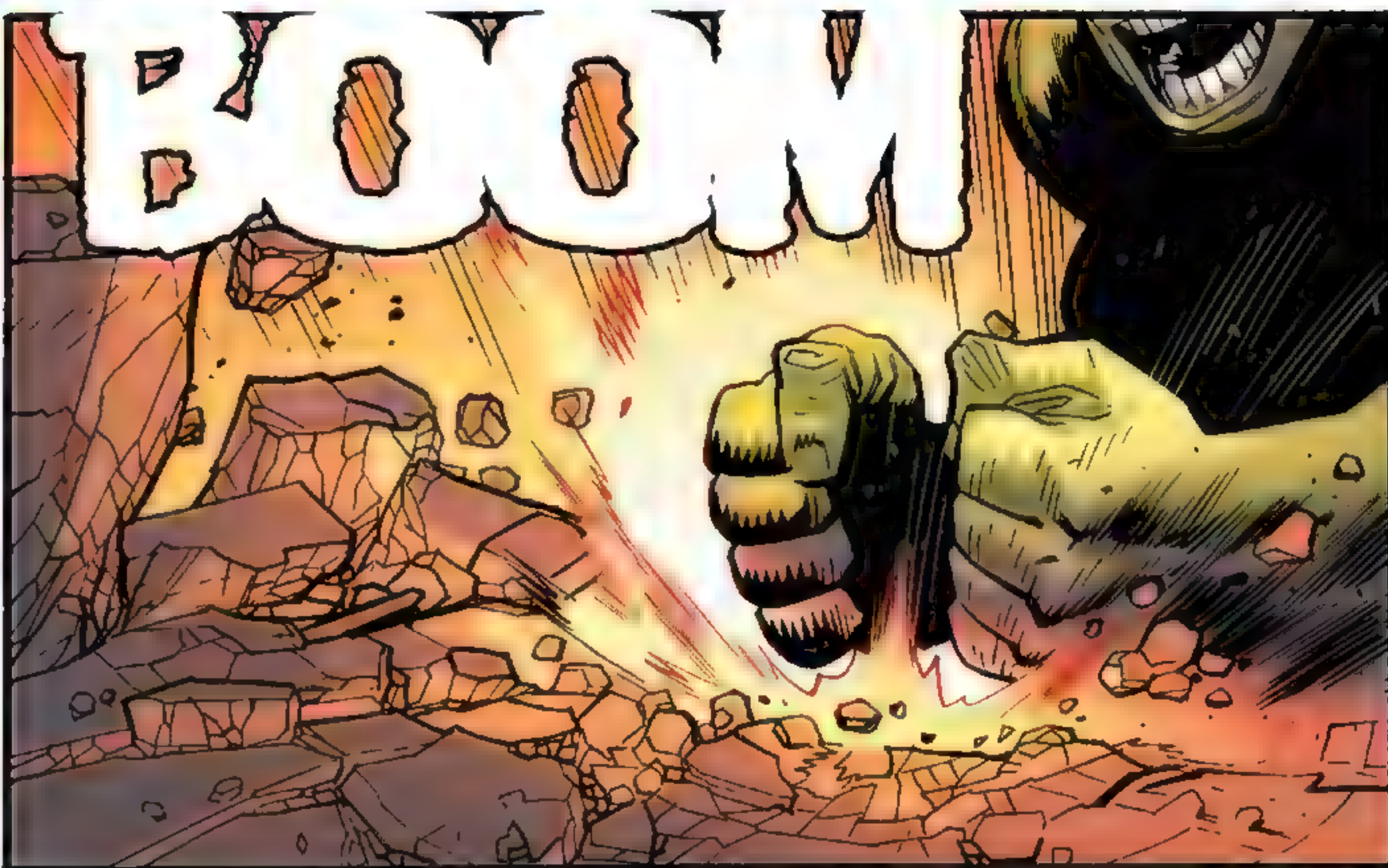
"...WHAT HAS BANNER
GOTTEN HIMSELF
INTO THIS TIME?"

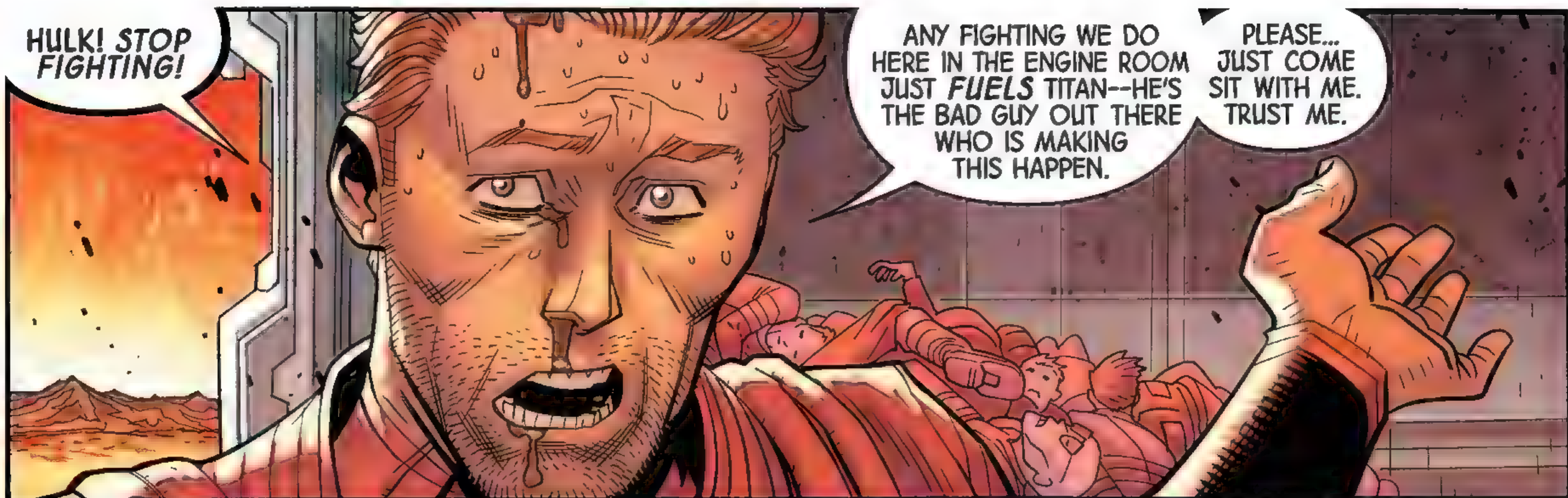
ARRRGHHH!
STOP!





STAGE ONE:





HULK! STOP FIGHTING!

ANY FIGHTING WE DO HERE IN THE ENGINE ROOM JUST **FUELS** TITAN--HE'S THE BAD GUY OUT THERE WHO IS MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

PLEASE... JUST COME SIT WITH ME. TRUST ME.

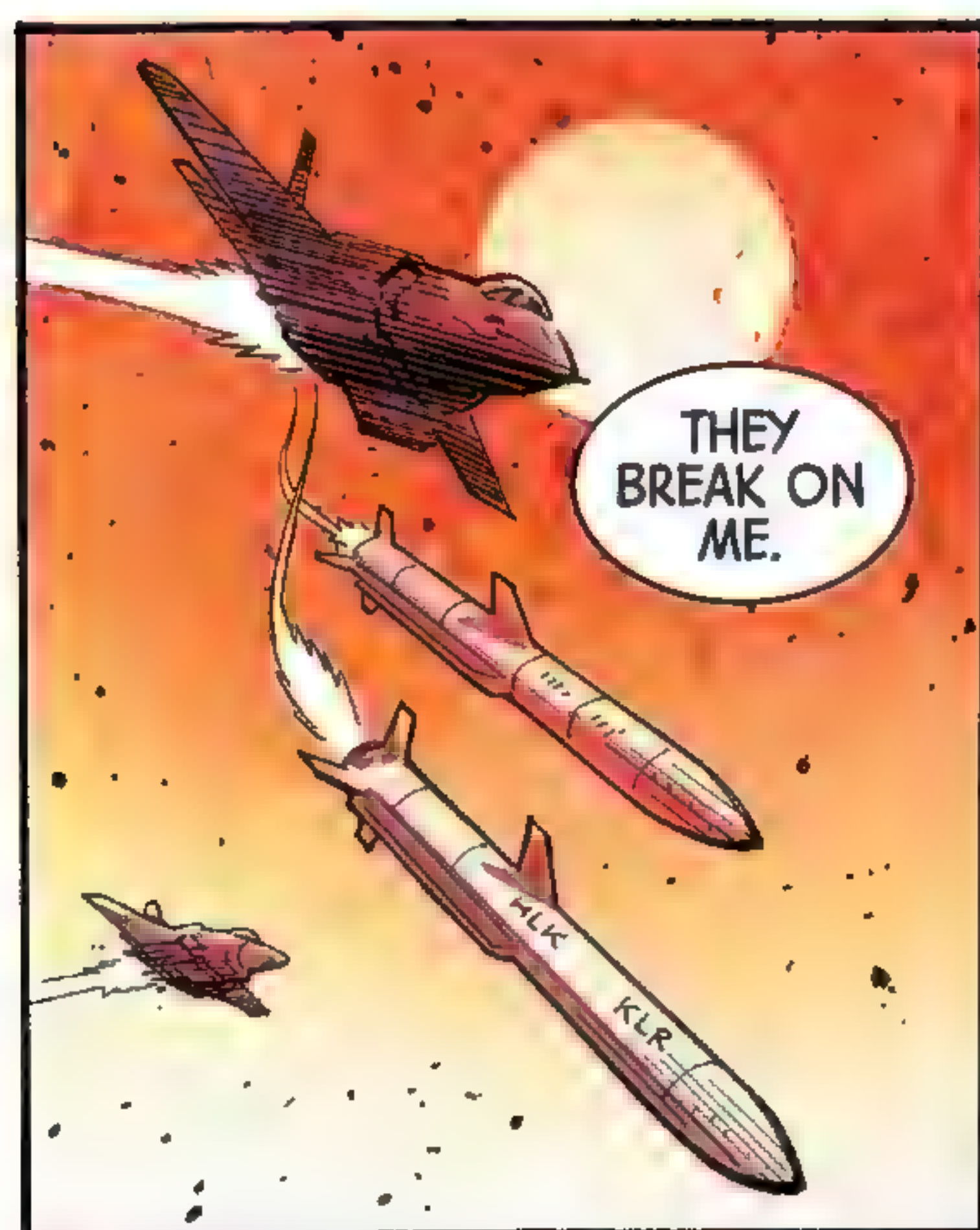


SIT. CLOSE YOUR EYES AND JUST BREATHE.

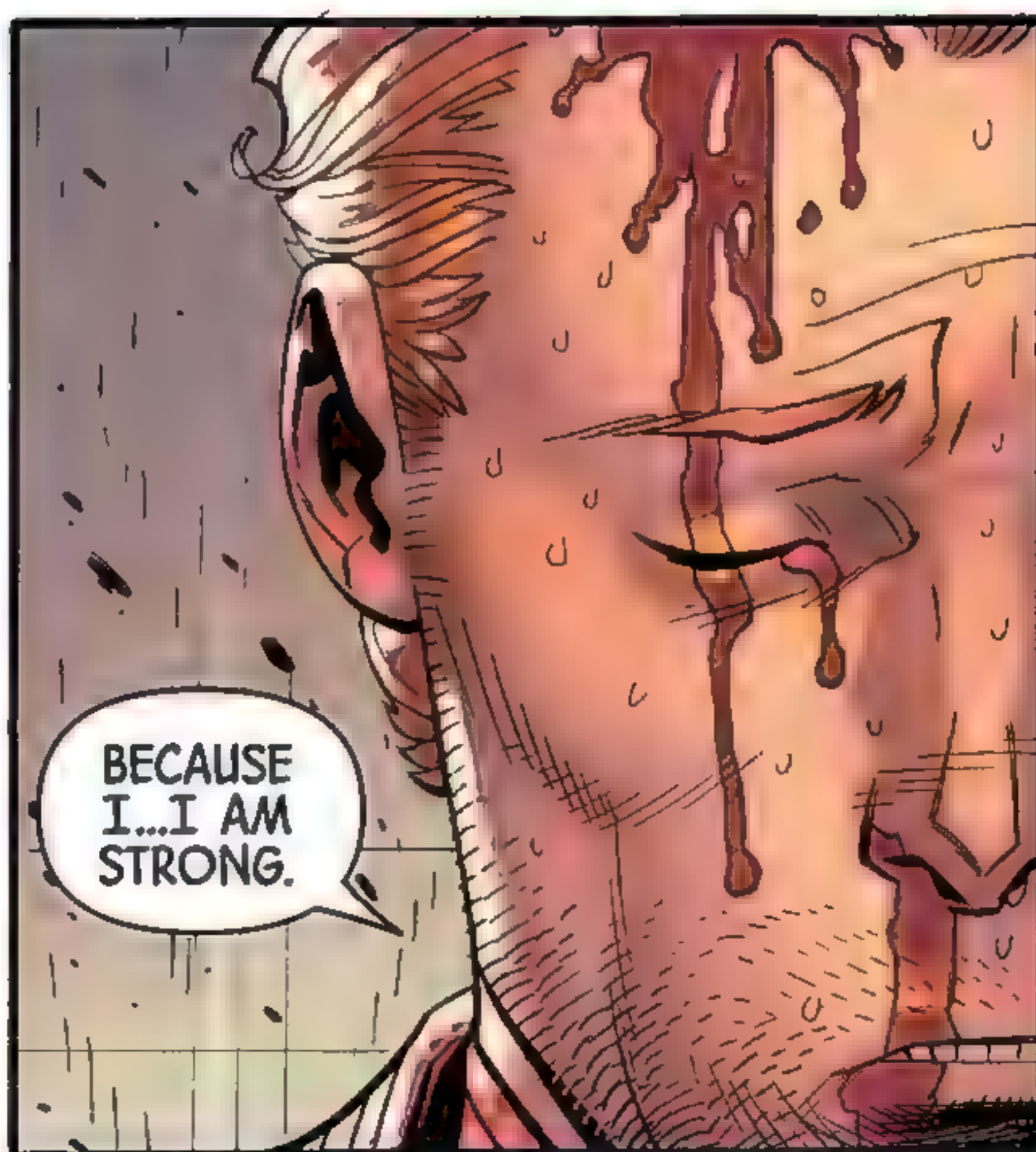


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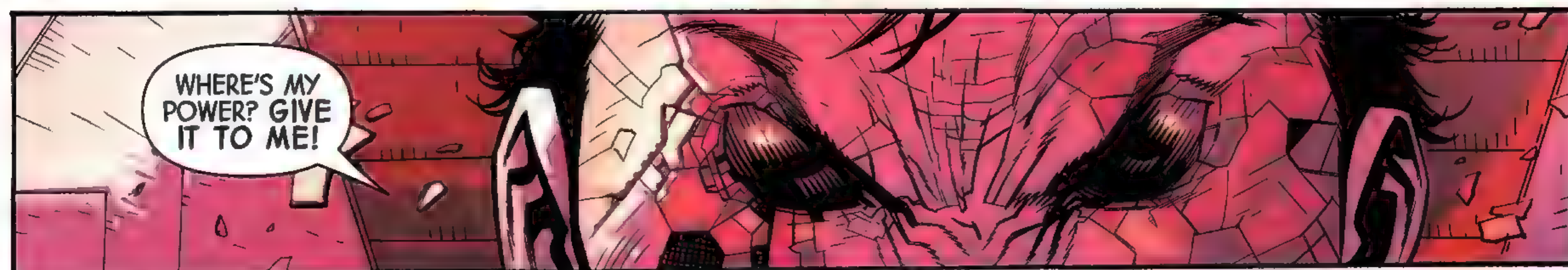
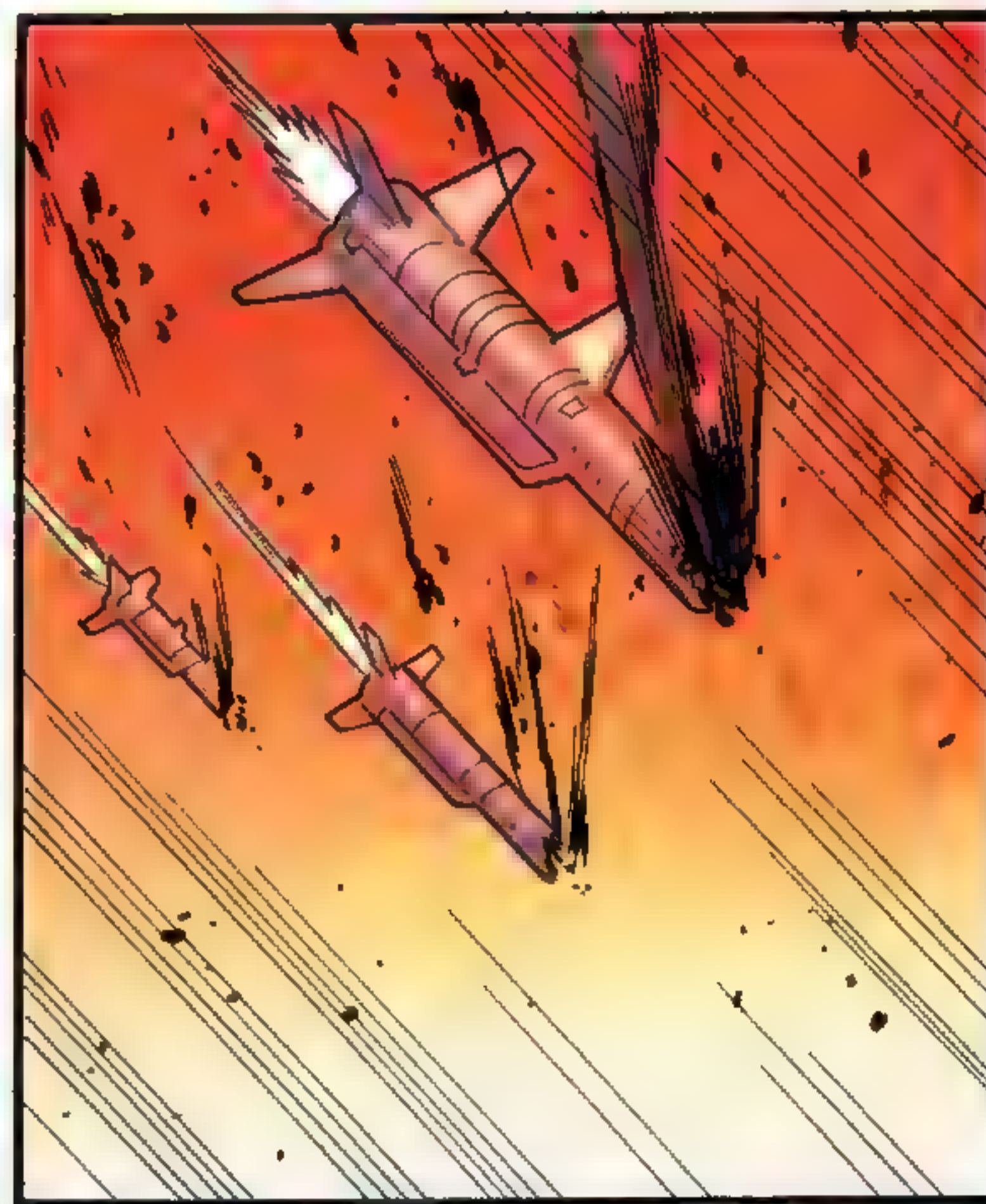
THESE WAVES DO NOT CRASH ON ME.



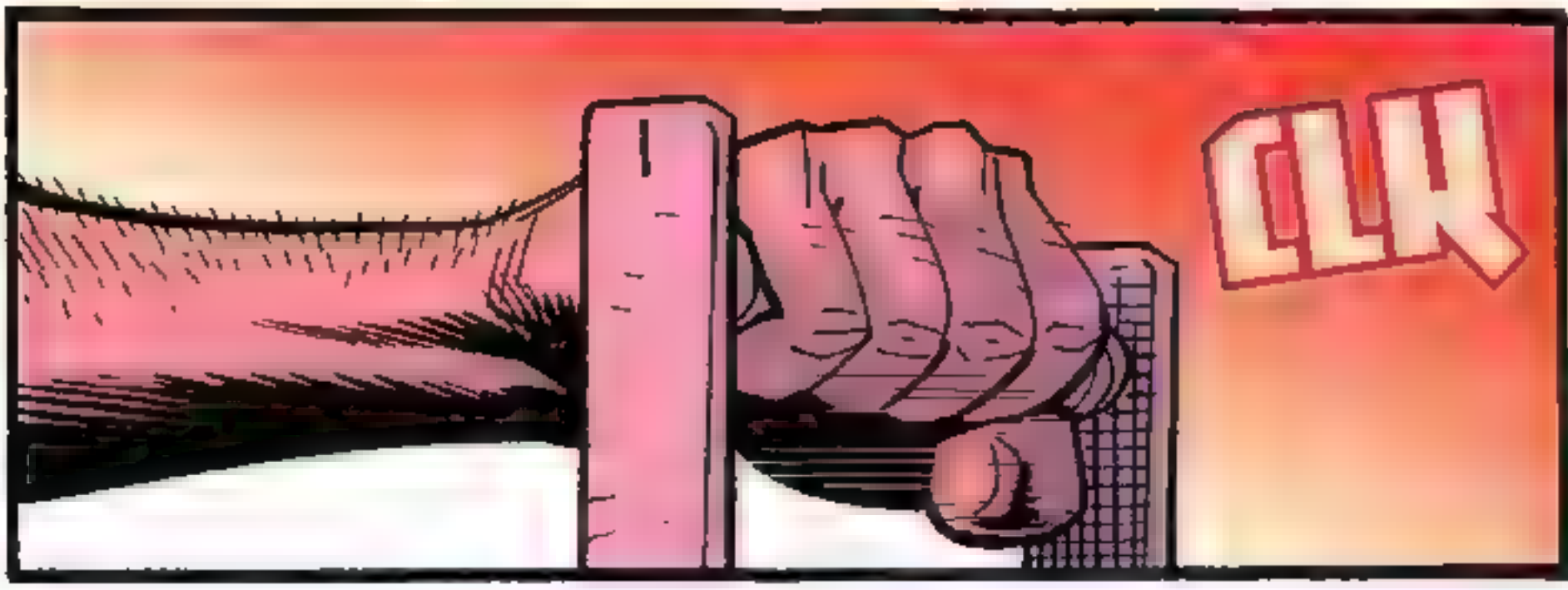
THEY BREAK ON ME.



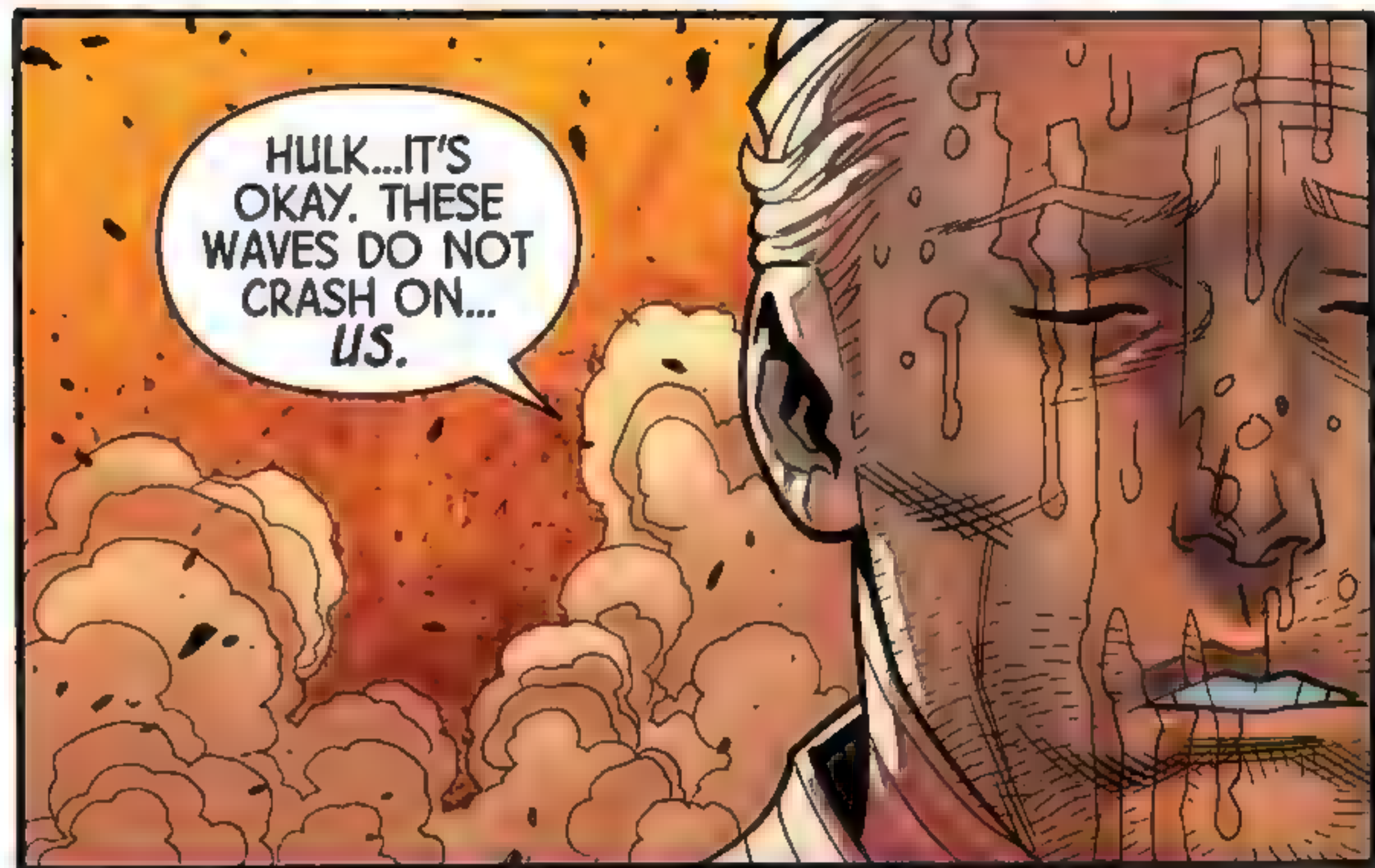
BECAUSE I...I AM STRONG.



WHERE'S MY POWER? GIVE IT TO ME!

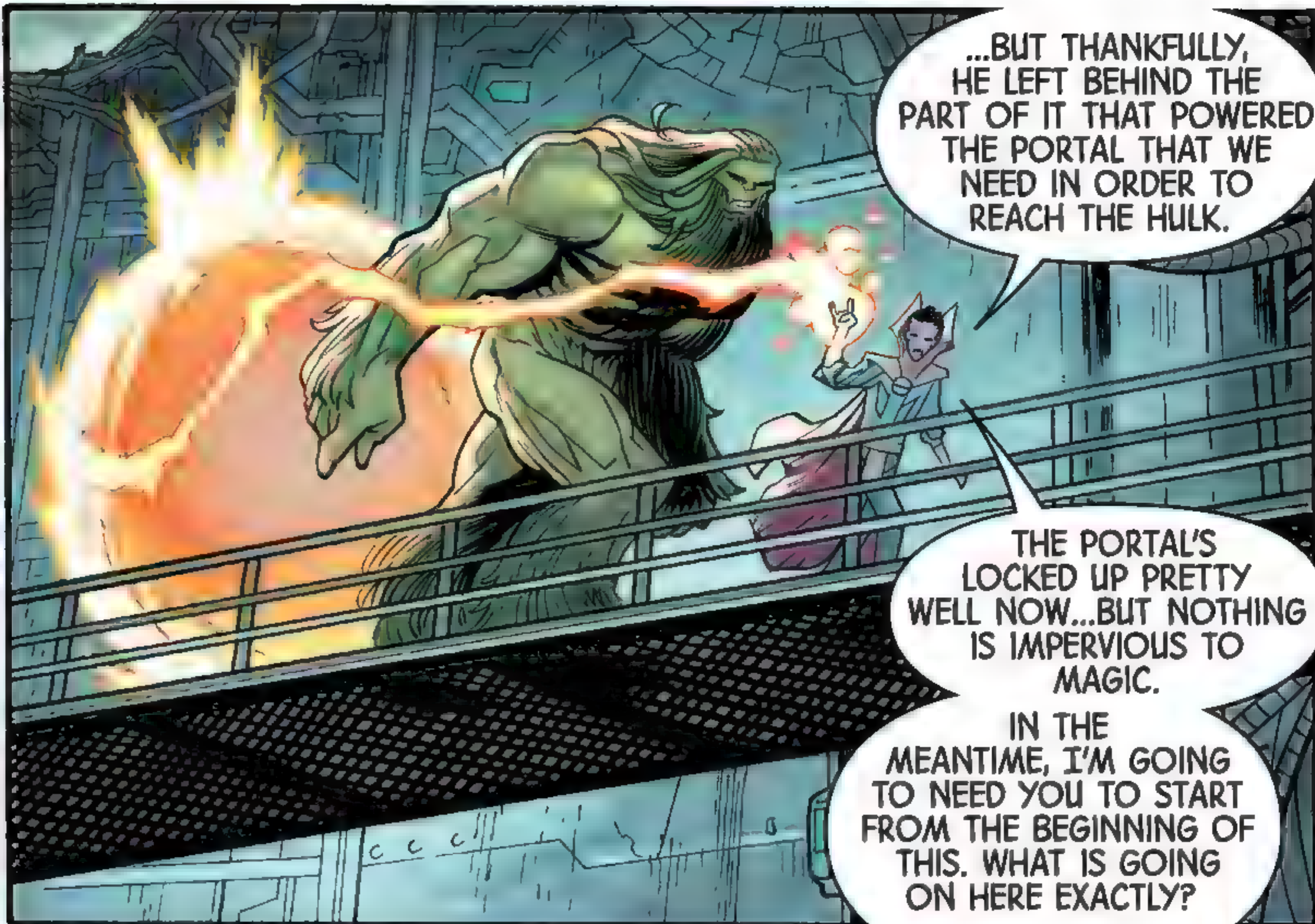


STAGE THREE:



STARK LAB, WUNDAGORE.

SO APPARENTLY
TONY CONVERTED
THE DEAD CELESTIAL HE
WAS STORING HERE INTO HIS
LATEST HULKBUSTER ARMOR
AND FLEW IT OFF INTO SPACE...



...BUT THANKFULLY,
HE LEFT BEHIND THE
PART OF IT THAT POWERED
THE PORTAL THAT WE
NEED IN ORDER TO
REACH THE HULK.

THE PORTAL'S
LOCKED UP PRETTY
WELL NOW...BUT NOTHING
IS IMPERVIOUS TO
MAGIC.

IN THE
MEANTIME, I'M GOING
TO NEED YOU TO START
FROM THE BEGINNING OF
THIS. WHAT IS GOING
ON HERE EXACTLY?

YES, WELL, THERE IS A PROGRAM
BRUCE CONSTRUCTED IN HIS MIND
WHERE WE ARE LINKED THROUGH
CERTAIN FREQUENCIES NO
MATTER WHERE HE GOES
ON HIS TRAVELS.

I THINK
THAT EVER SINCE HE
COMPARTMENTALIZED
PIECES OF HIS BRAIN INTO
THAT INTRICATE MIND PALACE,
IT'S OPENED UP SOME
TRAUMA IN WAYS HE'S
NEVER EXPERIENCED
BEFORE.

WHICH IS WHY
HE HIRED ME AS A
PSYCHIATRIST TO KEEP
HIM **SANE** THROUGHOUT--
BUT IT'S ONLY GONE
DOWNHILL, IT
SEEMS.

THERE IS AN
ENTITY LURKING
INSIDE HIM--IT SEEMS TO
HAVE TAKEN OVER. I'VE BEEN
ASKING HIM FOR A WHILE TO TELL
ME WHO HELPED HIM WITH THE
MIND ALTERATIONS SO WE
COULD GET IT REVERSED.

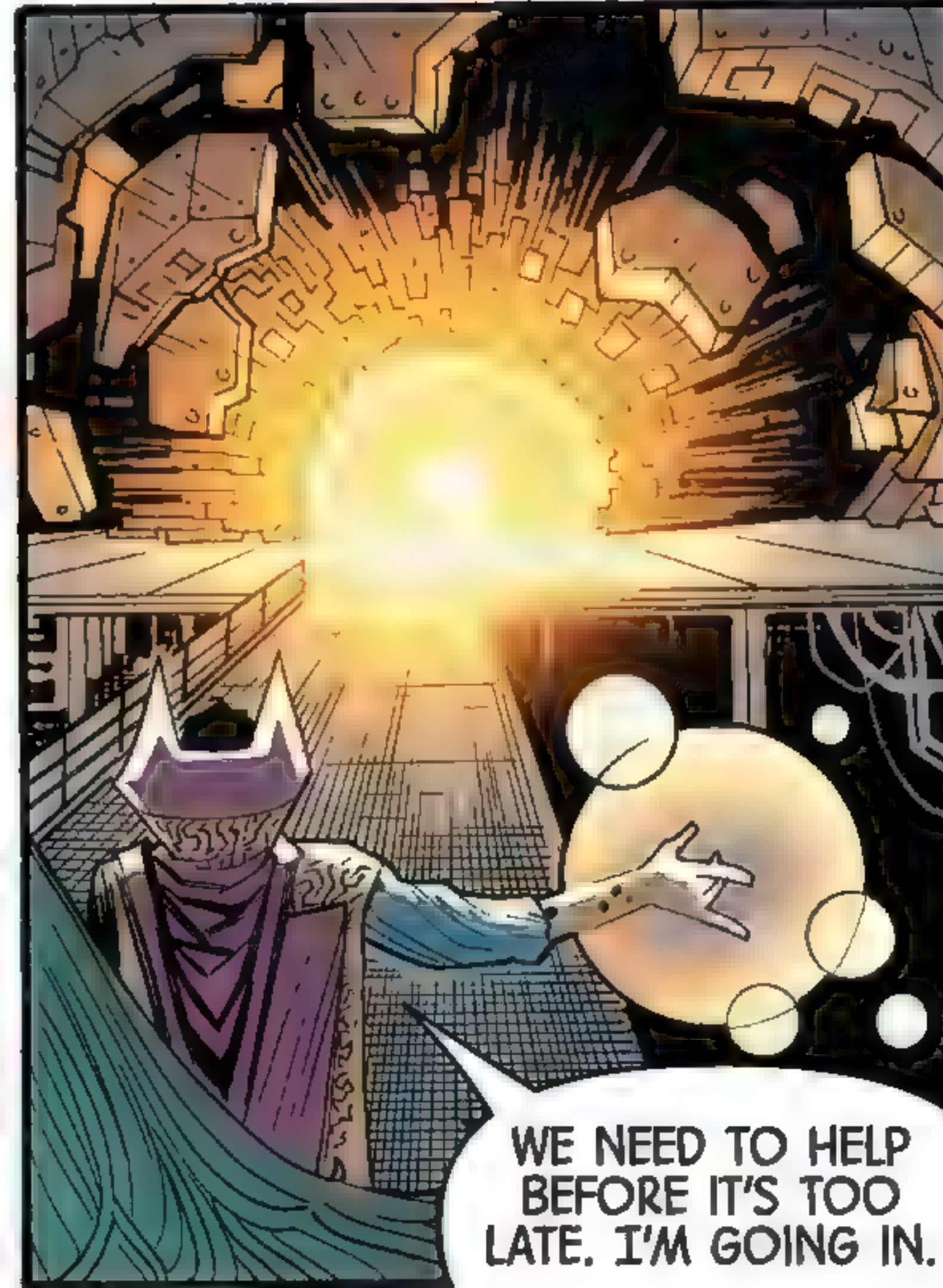
BUT
HE REFUSED
TO SHARE THAT
INFO--UNTIL I
RECEIVED THE
PRE-WRITTEN SOS
MESSAGE HE
JUST SENT
ME.

I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D CREATE
THE MIND PALACE FOR HIM--YOU
WANTED TO HELP HIM BE IN CONTROL
OF THE HULK AND OF
HIMSELF.

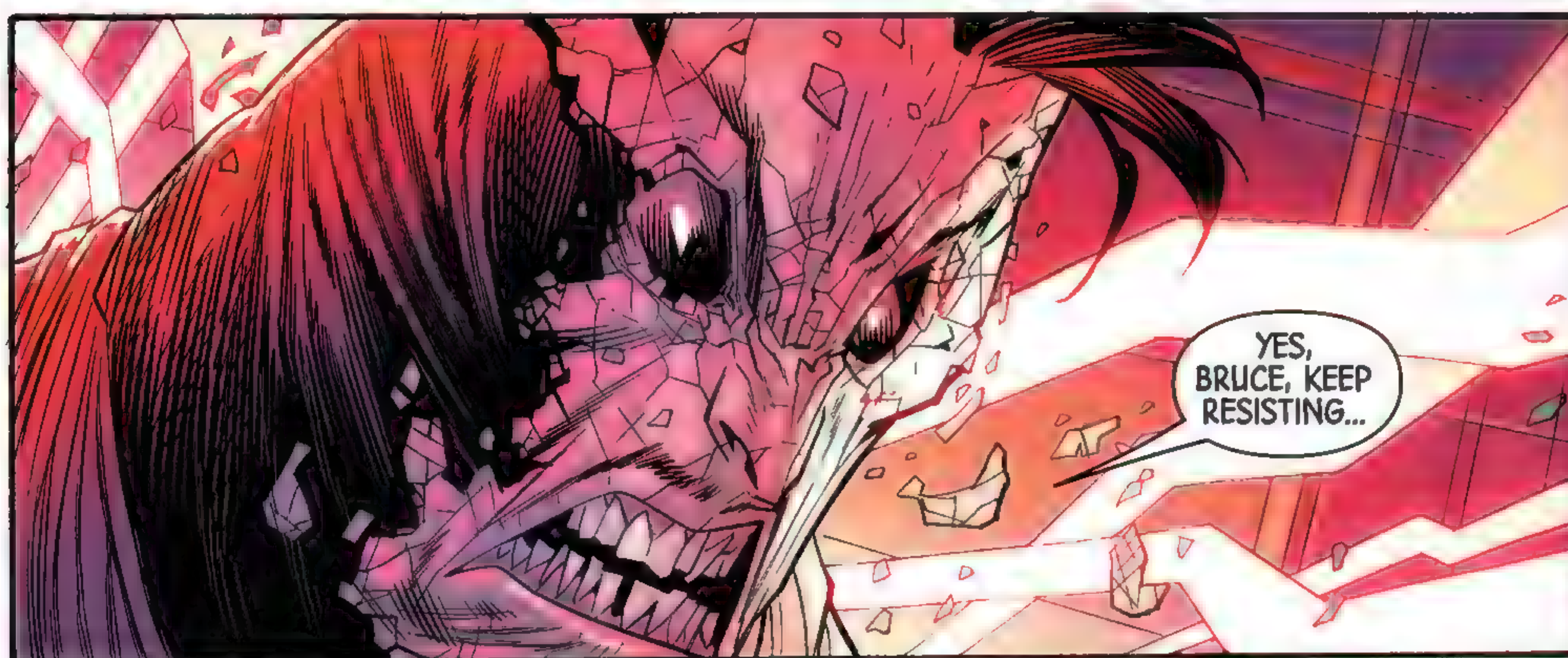
BUT I THINK
THE EXPERIMENT
BACKFIRED. YOU REALLY
NEED TO **DISMANTLE**
THE MIND PALACE--BRING
THINGS BACK TO
WHATEVER NORMALITY
HE HAD BEFORE.

**ME?! I HONESTLY HAD
NOTHING TO DO WITH
THIS. I'VE HEARD FROM A
SOURCE THAT THE MAGIC
USED ON BRUCE WAS
SOMETHING UNKNOWN.
SOMETHING ANCIENT
AND POWERFUL.**

I'LL SEE
WHAT I CAN
DO. I NEED
ANSWERS.



WE NEED TO HELP
BEFORE IT'S TOO
LATE. I'M GOING IN.

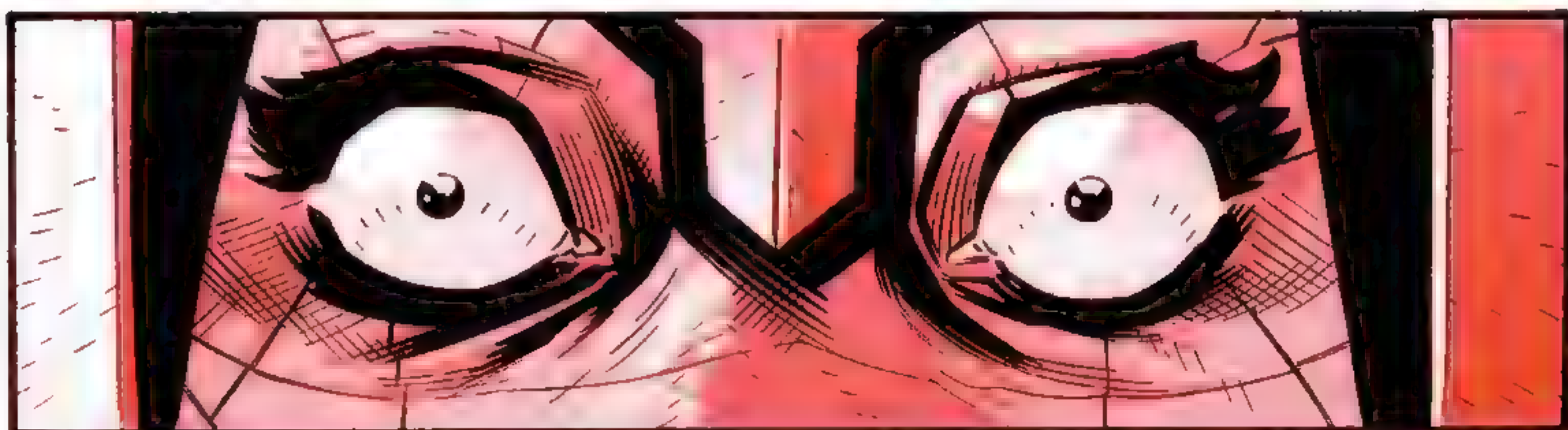


STAGE NINE:





STAGE *:





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HULK #4 2ND PRINTING VARIANT BY RYAN OTTLEY & ROMULO FAJARDO JR.



HULK #5 VARIANT BY PEPE LARRAZ



HULK #5 VARIANT BY JONBOY MEYERS



HULK #13

THEN.



BRUCE...
DO YOU FEEL
IT? THE HULK...
HE IS **GONE**.

LOCKED AWAY
IN A BACK CORNER
OF YOUR MIND. YOU
ARE IN **FULL CONTROL**,
THE MAGIC IS DEEPLY
ROOTED NOW. THINGS
SHOULD BE TAKING
SHAPE. DO YOU
SEE?

YOUR NEW
COGNITIVE ENVIRONMENT
SHOULD BE COMING INTO
VIEW. I WILL NOW ENTER
YOUR MIND AND JOIN YOU.
LET'S WALK TOGETHER IN
YOUR NEW **MIND
PALACE**...



EL PASO, THE NIGHT AFTER.

IT...IT WASN'T ME. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED, IT JUST... EVERYONE AT THE BAR STARTED TO CHANGE, TO HULK OUT. THIS MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MAGIC YOU USED TO CREATE THE MIND PALACE.

NO. I'M NOT SURE WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON, BUT I WILL LOOK INTO IT. IN THE MEANTIME, GET SOME REST.

I CAN'T STAY HERE. THEY'LL BE AFTER ME SOON.

THIS WHOLE THING WAS YOUR IDEA--TO GIVE ME CONTROL.

BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED, STEPHEN. IT WASN'T ME!

GIVE IT TIME, BRUCE. THINGS WILL WORK OUT, JUST TRUST ME...

NO! I AM DONE. I'M STILL PUTTING PEOPLE IN DANGER.

I WOULD RATHER LIVE THE REST OF MY EXISTENCE SEARCHING THE COSMOS FOR SOME SEMBLANCE OF PEACE!

WHERE HULK AND I CAN DIE ALONE WITHOUT PUTTING ANYONE ELSE IN DANGER.

I'M LEAVING. DON'T LOOK FOR ME!

SMASH

THAT... WASN'T PART OF THE PLAN.

ONE VIOLENT HEIST OF
M.O.D.O.K.'S PRECIOUS
SPACE-TRAVEL TECH LATER...*

I NEVER
WANTED THIS

NEVER WANTED
TO BE A HERO

*SEE FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 2021: AVENGERS/HULK #1,
COLLECTED IN THE HULK VOL. 1: SMASHTRONAUT! TRADE PAPERBACK. --WIL

NEVER WANTED TO BE AN
AVENGER OR A DEFENDER

NEVER
ASKED TO BE
A MONSTER

WHEN I WAS A KID
I WANTED TO BE
AN ASTRONAUT

I WANTED TO
BE AN EXPLORER

I WANTED
TO FIND NEW
WORLDS

BUT INSTEAD
I JUST BUILT
BOMBS

NO
MORE

I'VE DONE MY TIME
AS A MONSTER

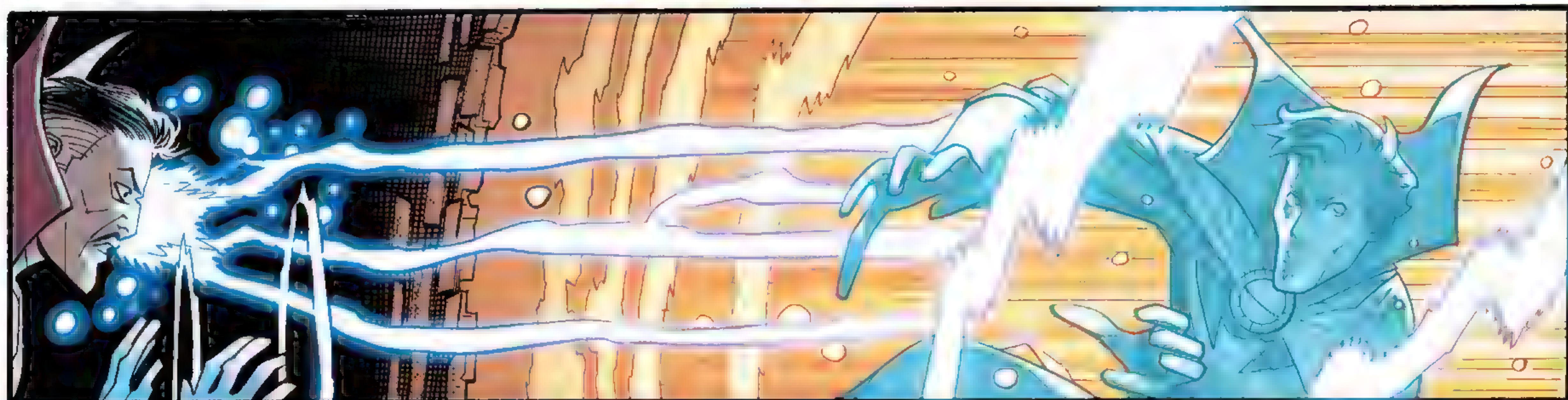
DONE MY
TOURS OF DUTY
AS A HERO

NOW IT'S
MY TURN

I'M
LEAVING

I'M GOING TO EXPLORE
THE UNKNOWN IN MY
INDESTRUCTIBLE
GREEN SPACESHIP

AND I'M
NEVER
COMING
BACK





GURGLE...
GAK...



GUH...
UHHHH...



P-PAVE...
BRUTAL...
WHERE...?



I'M HERE,
MONOLITH.

OUR PEOPLE
ARE SCATTERED AND
IN PIECES. I WILL HELP
THEM GATHER
THEMSELVES SO THEY
CAN HEAL UP.

BUT HULK...
HE...HE BECAME SO
MANY PIECES...CAN HE
EVEN COME BACK
FROM THAT?



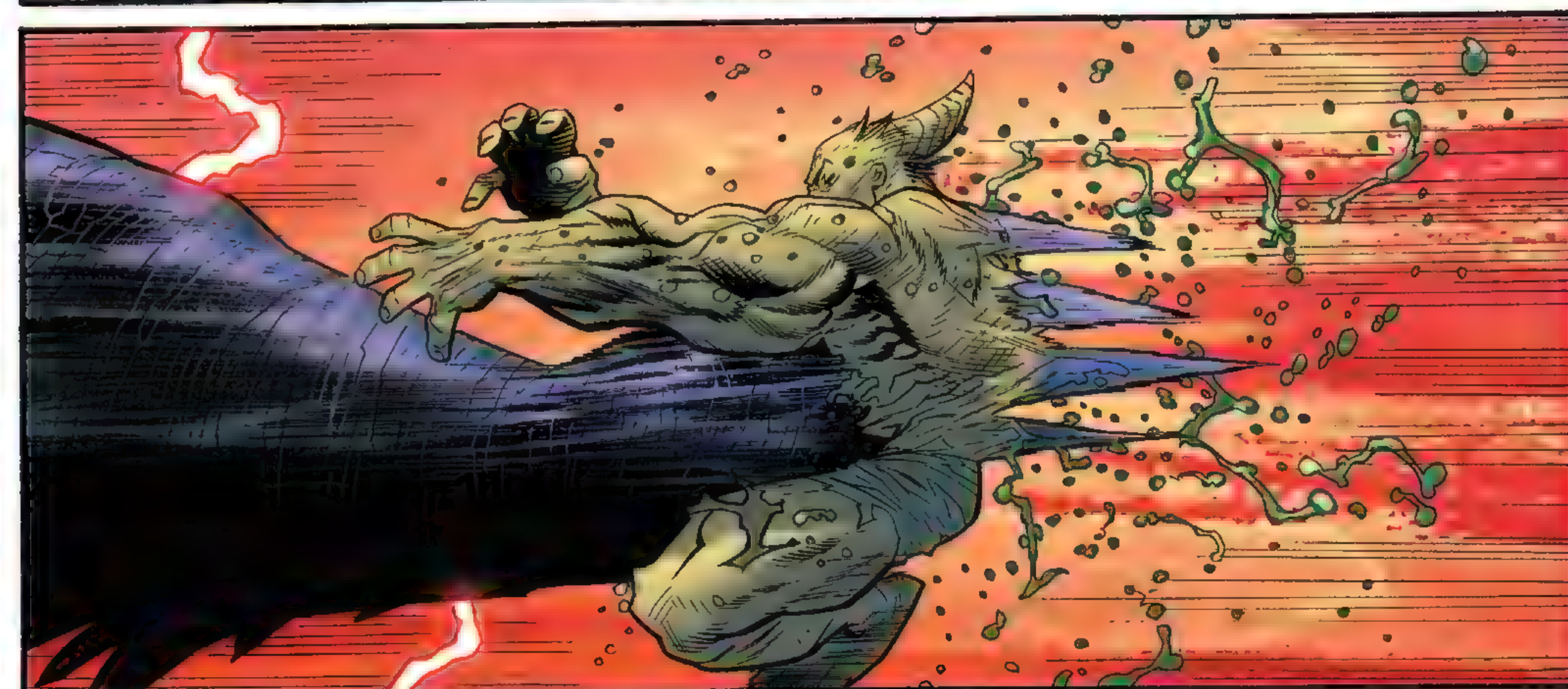
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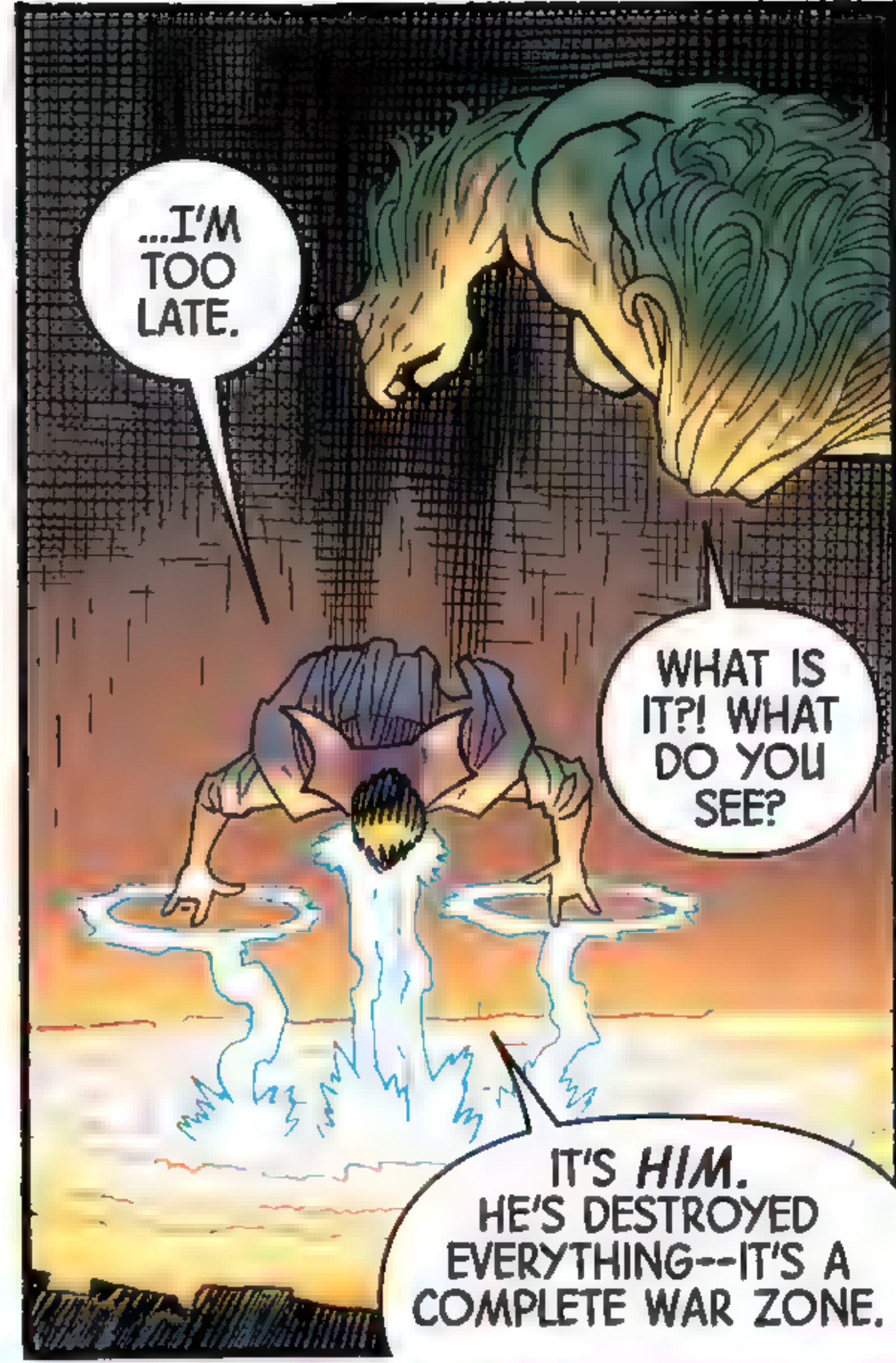
WHO...?
WHAT IS
THIS?!

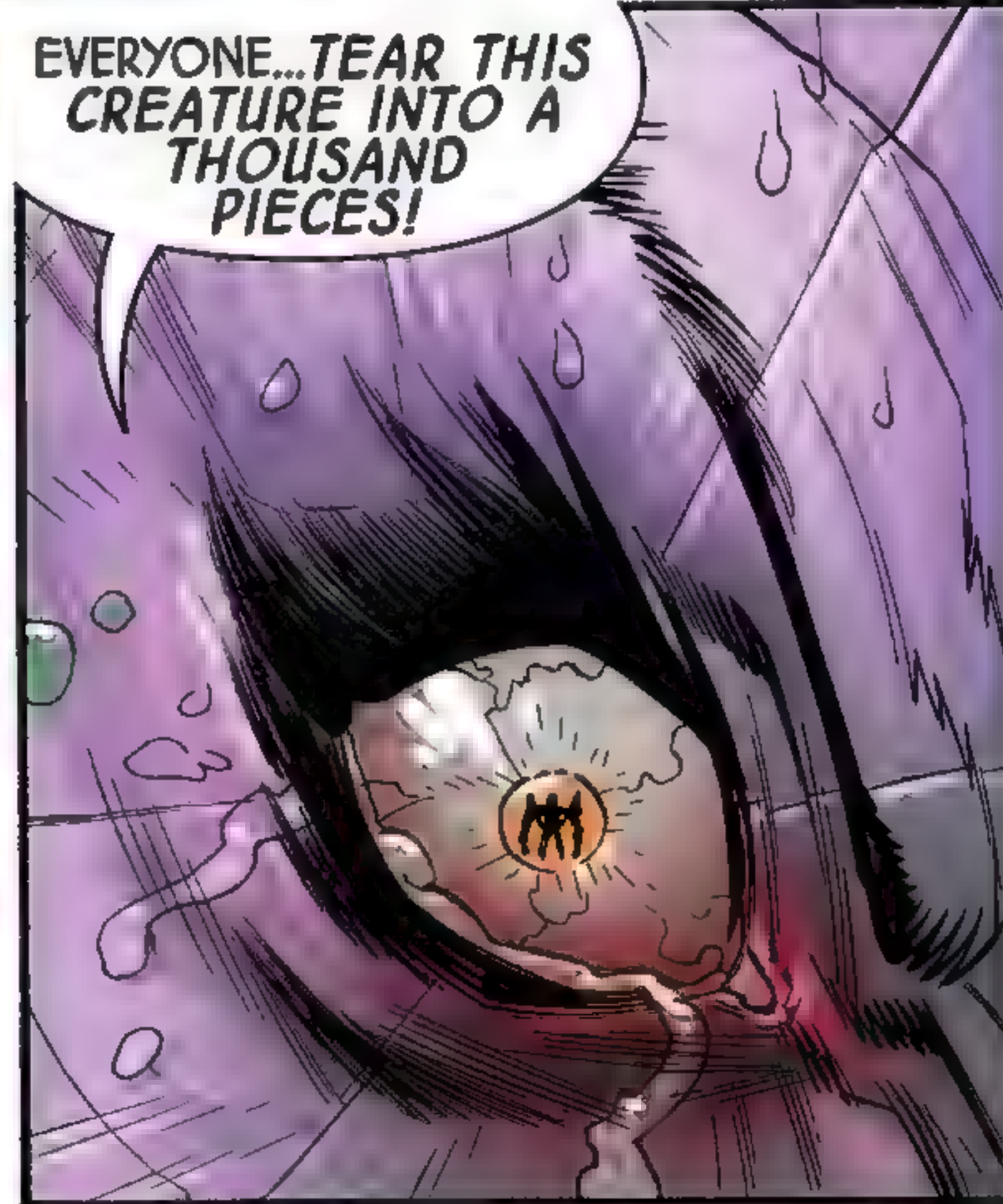
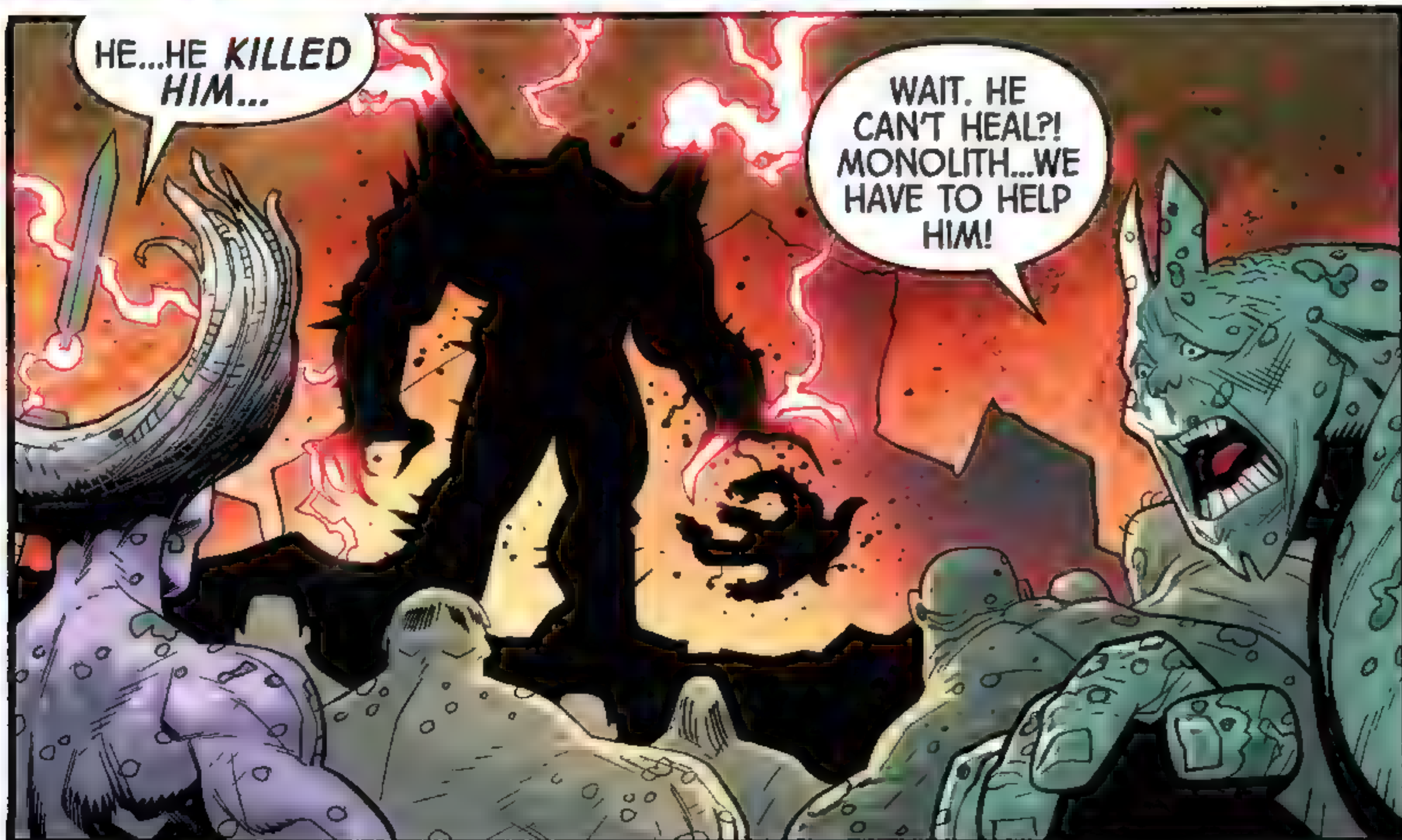
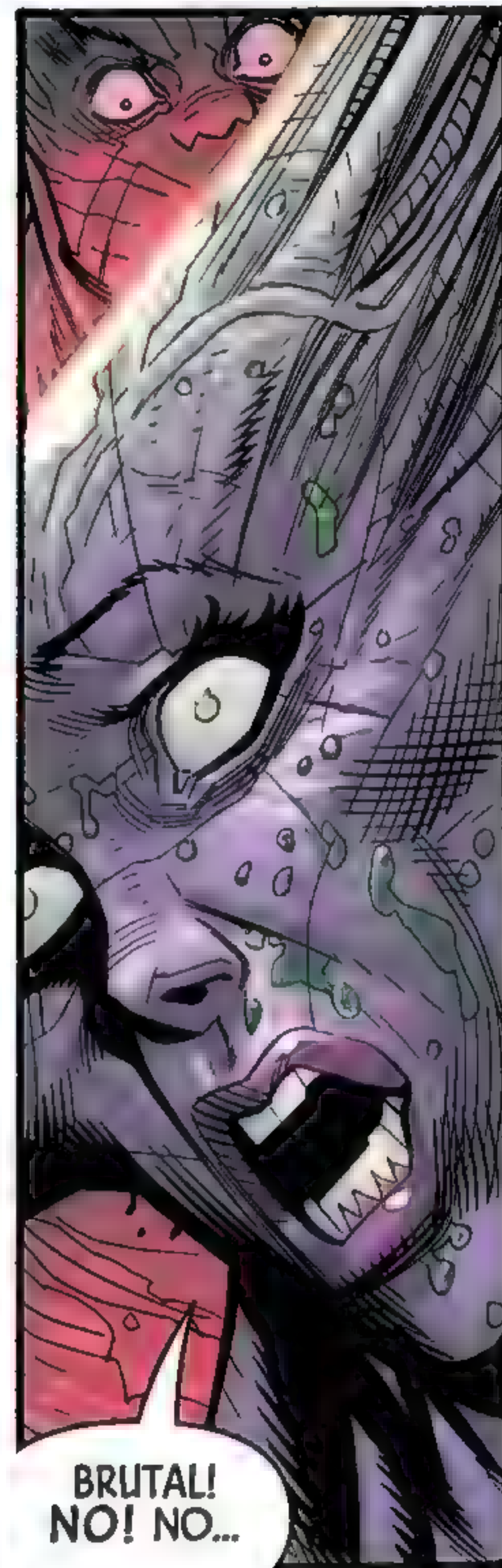
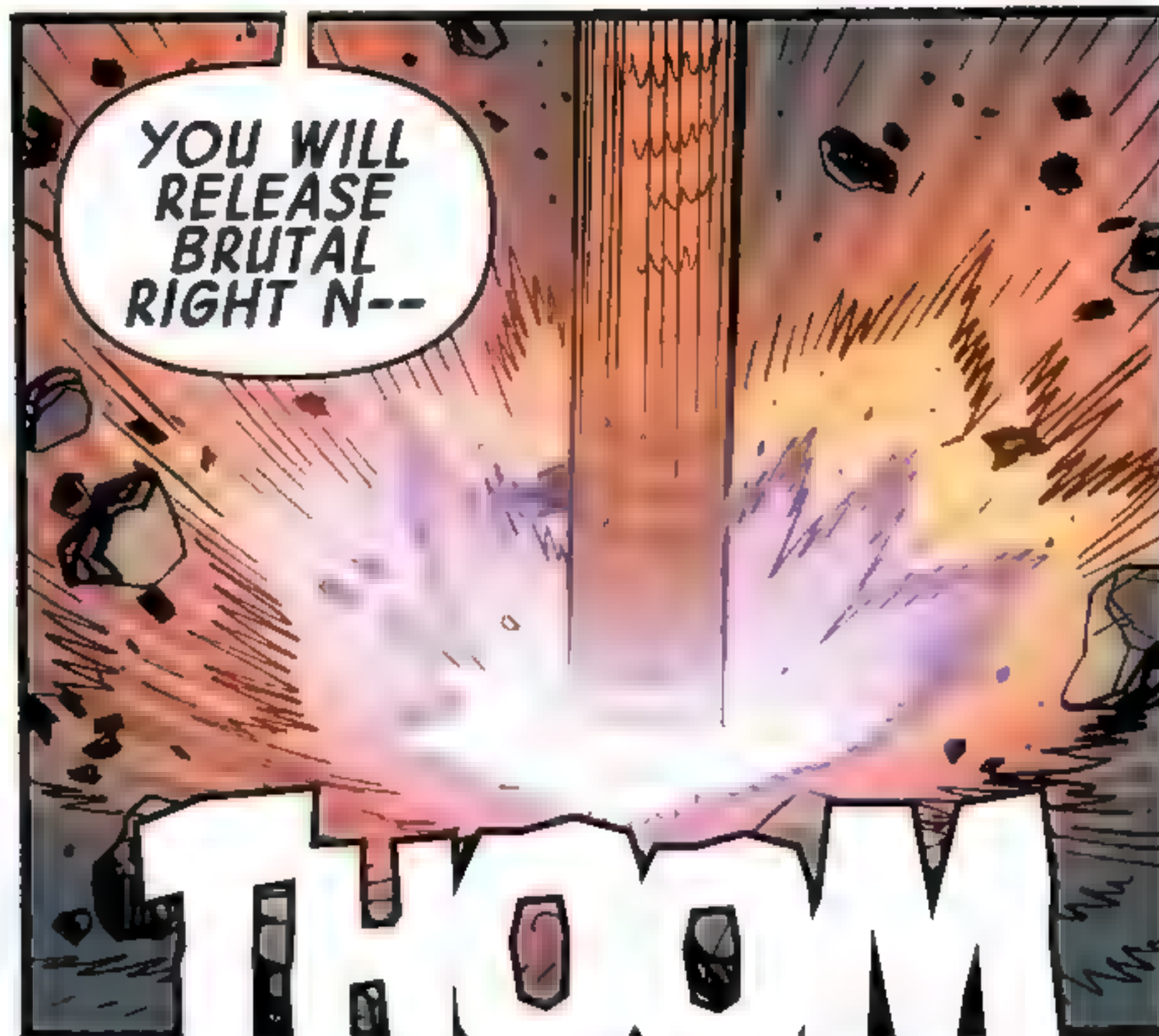
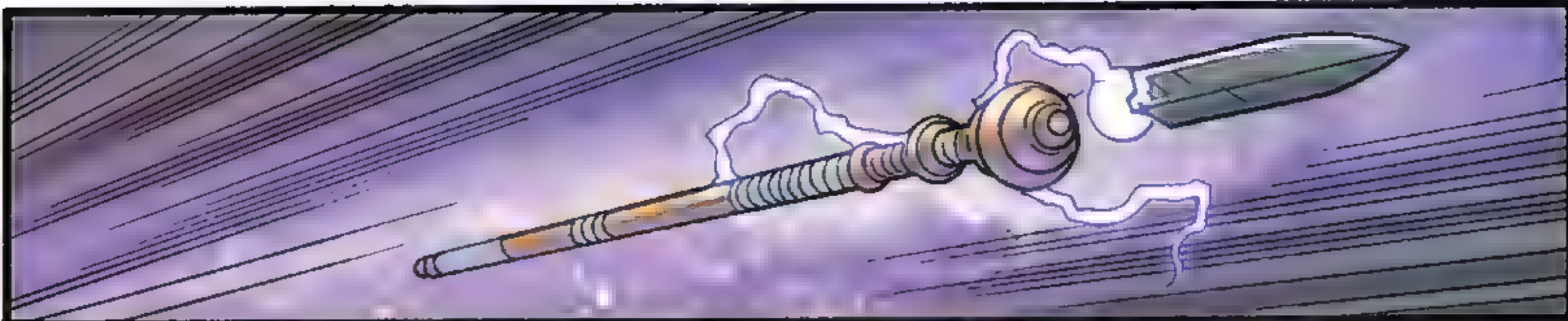


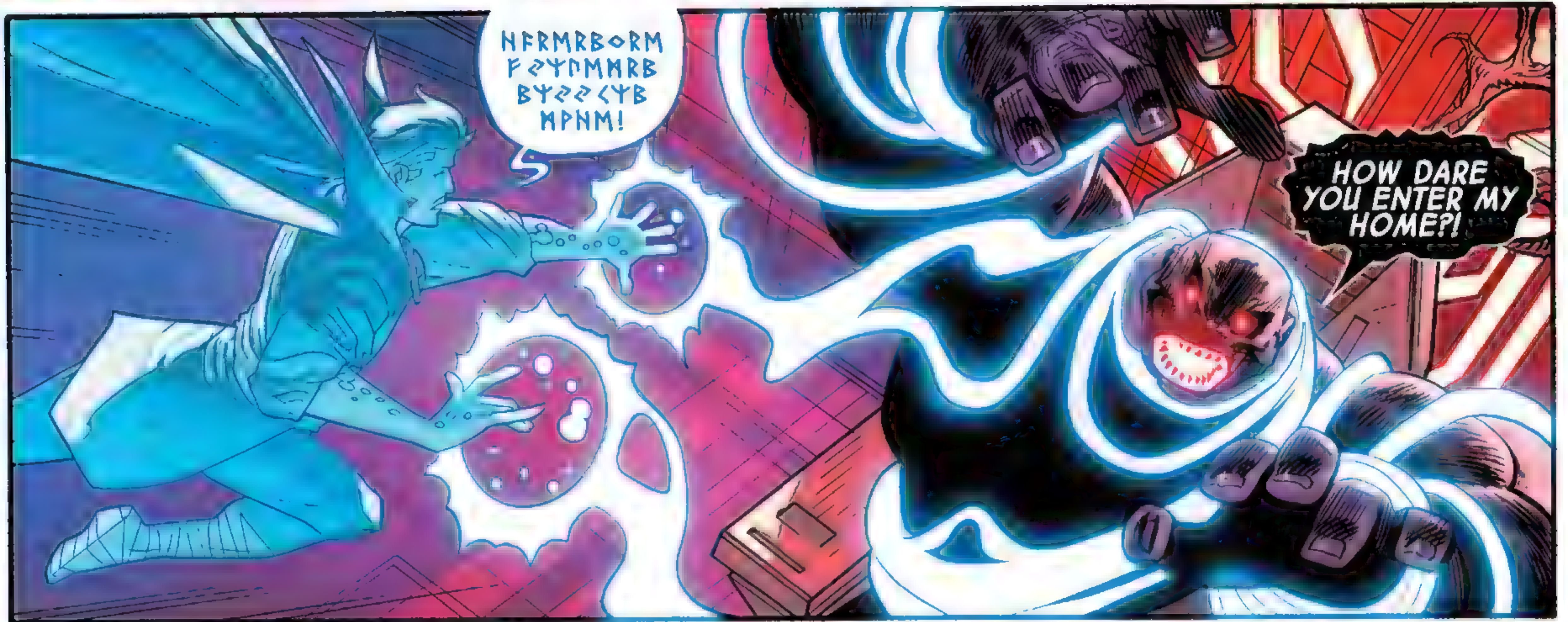
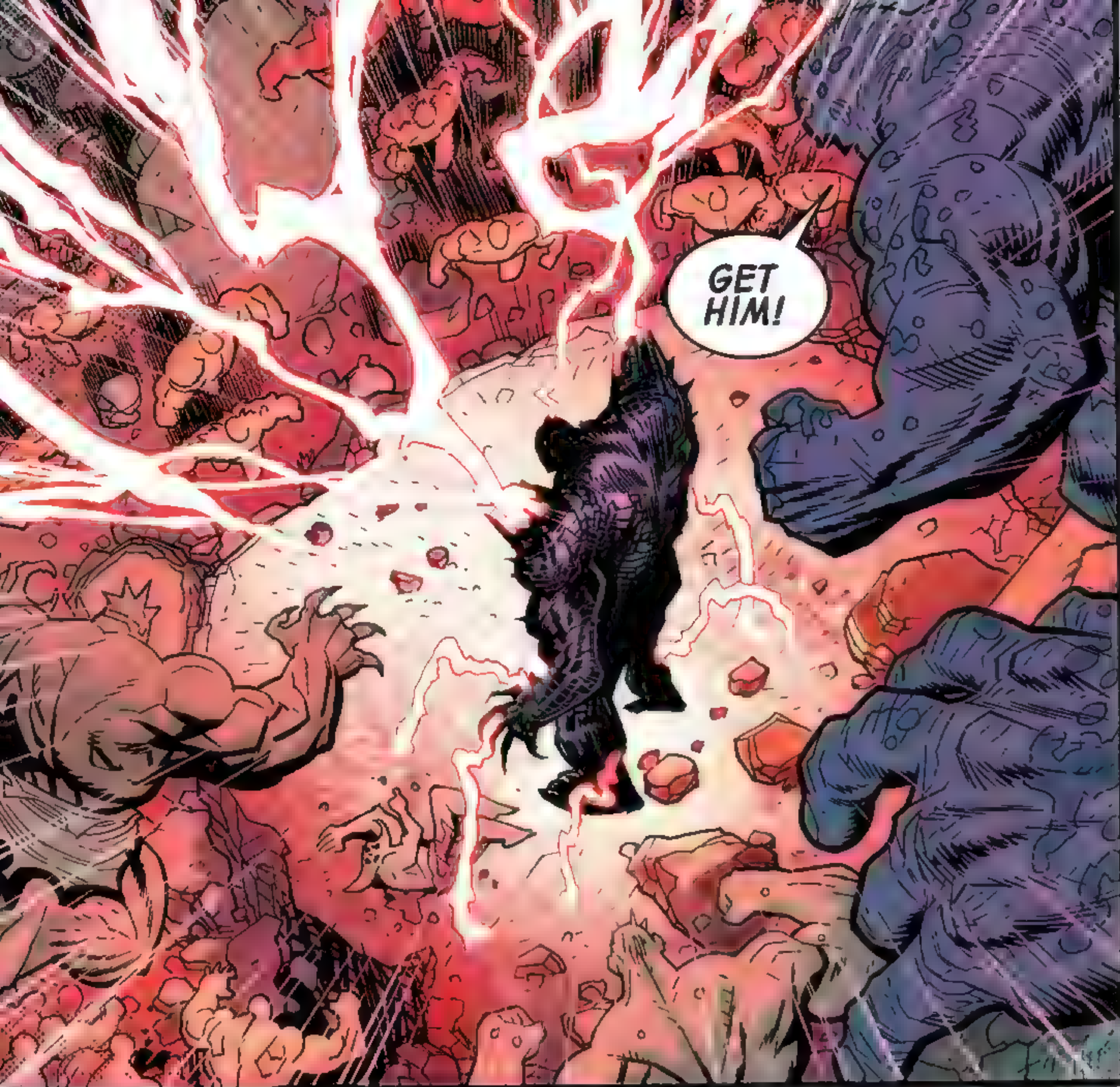
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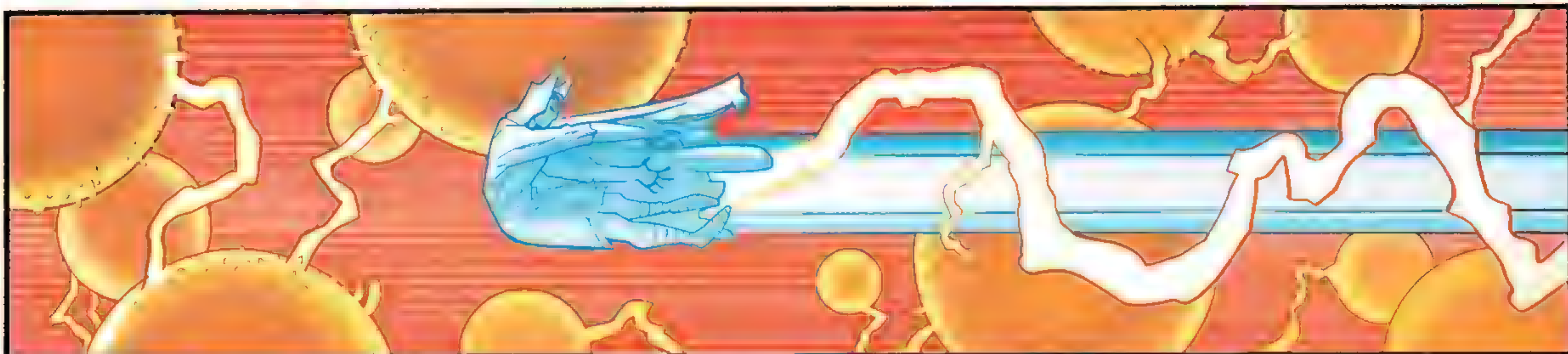
OH MY
GOD...

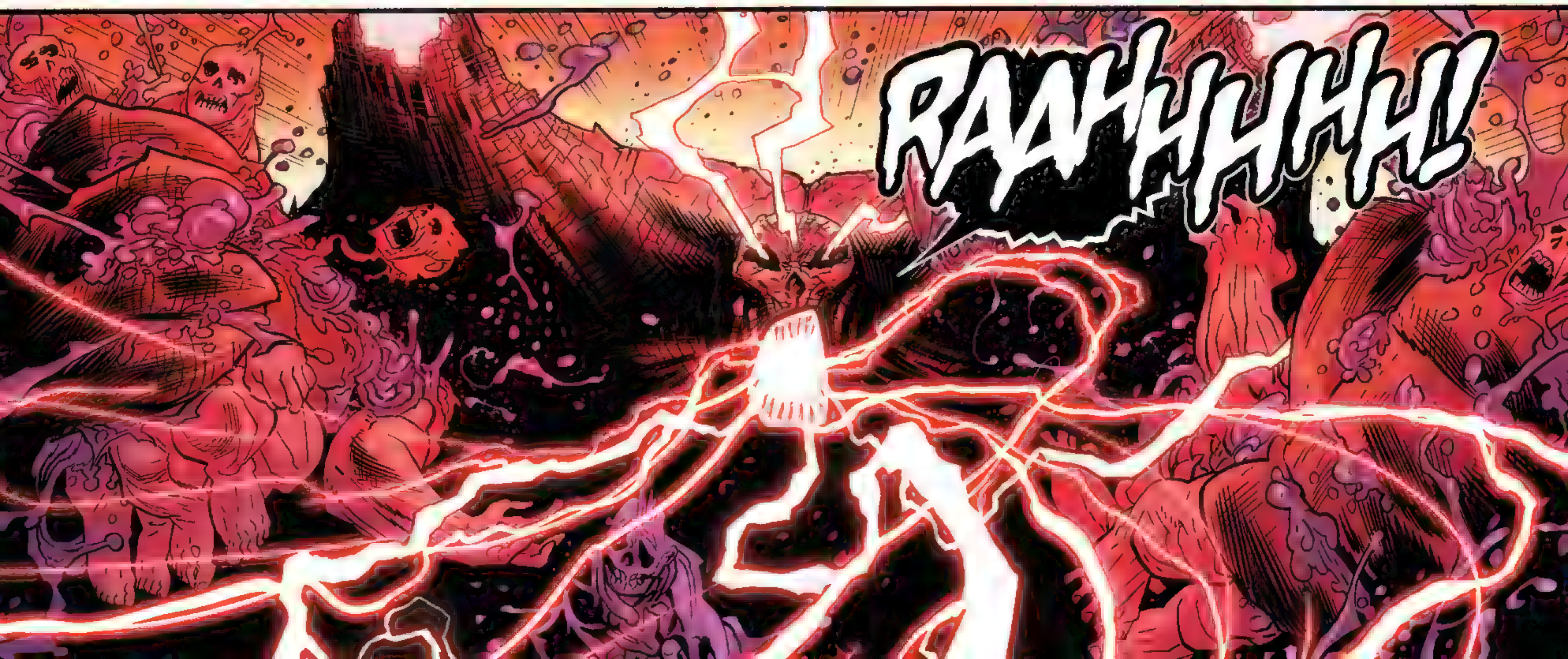


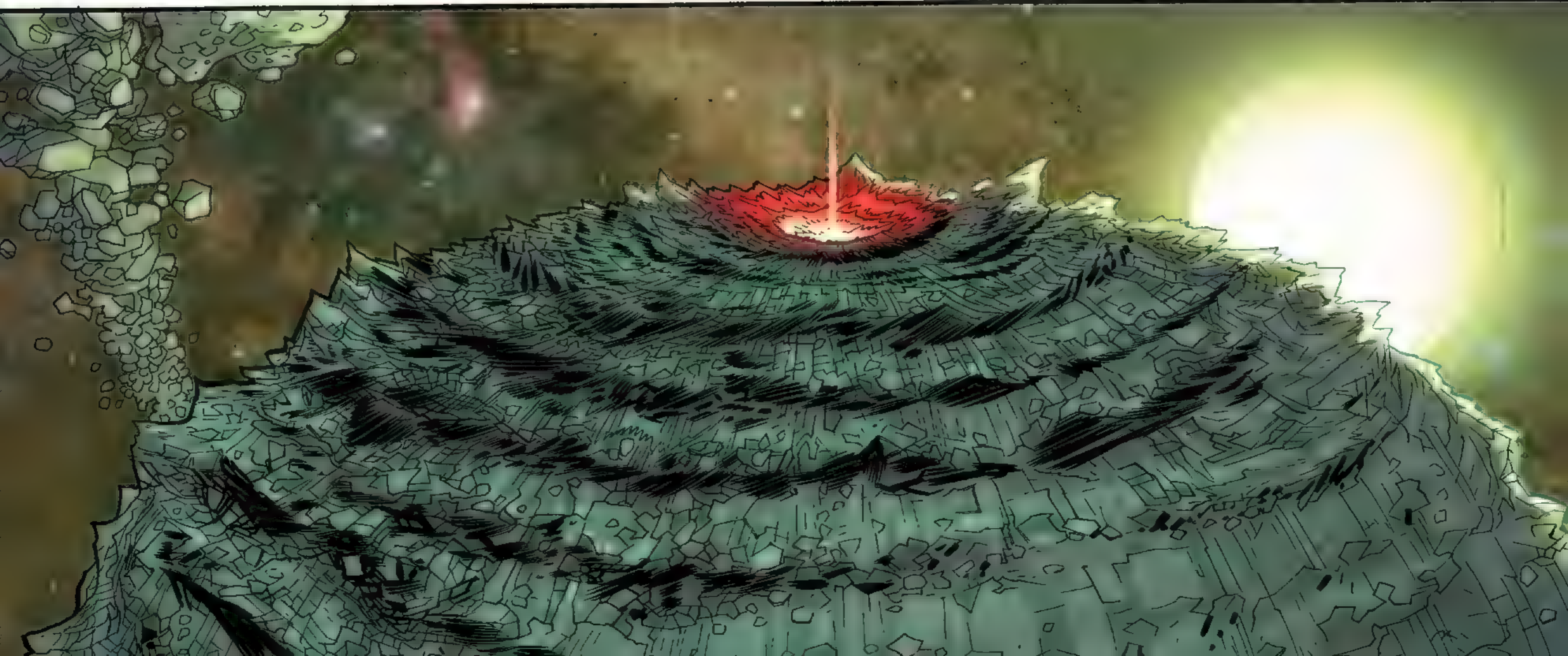


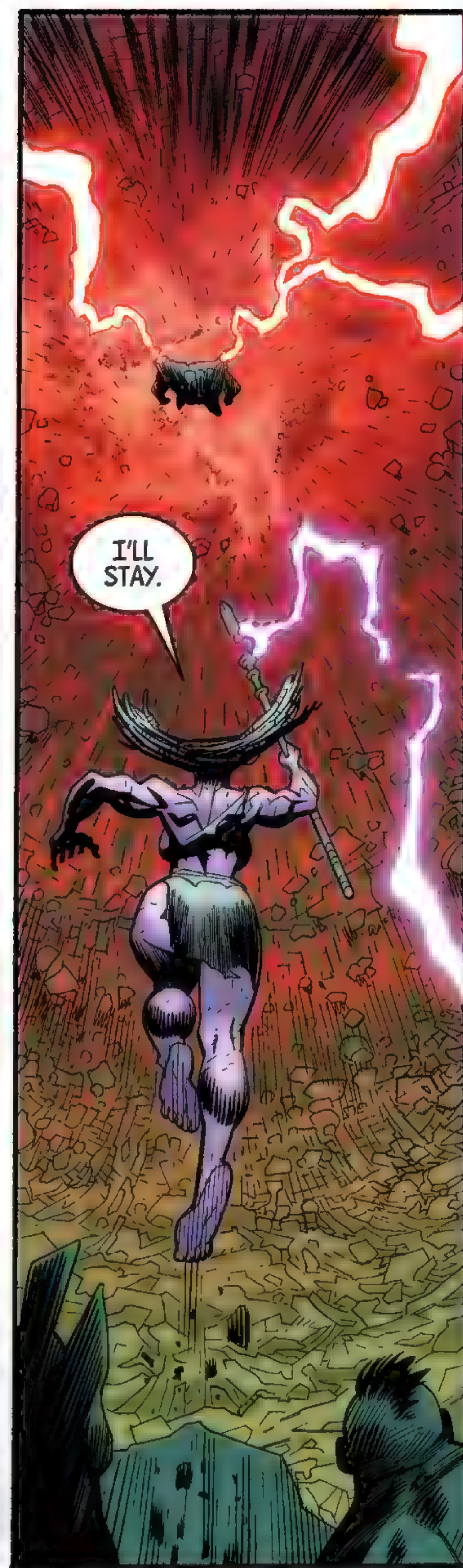
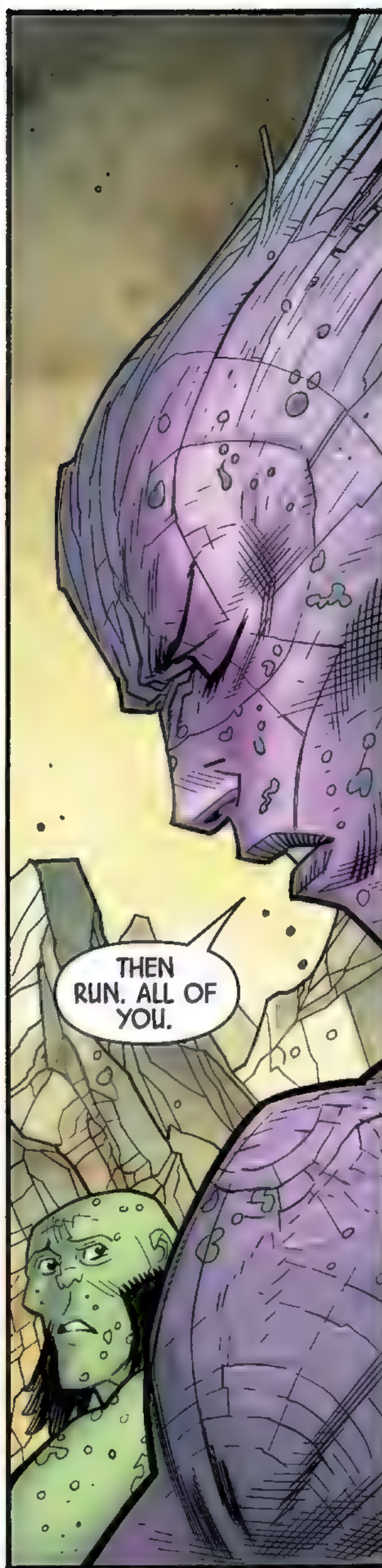














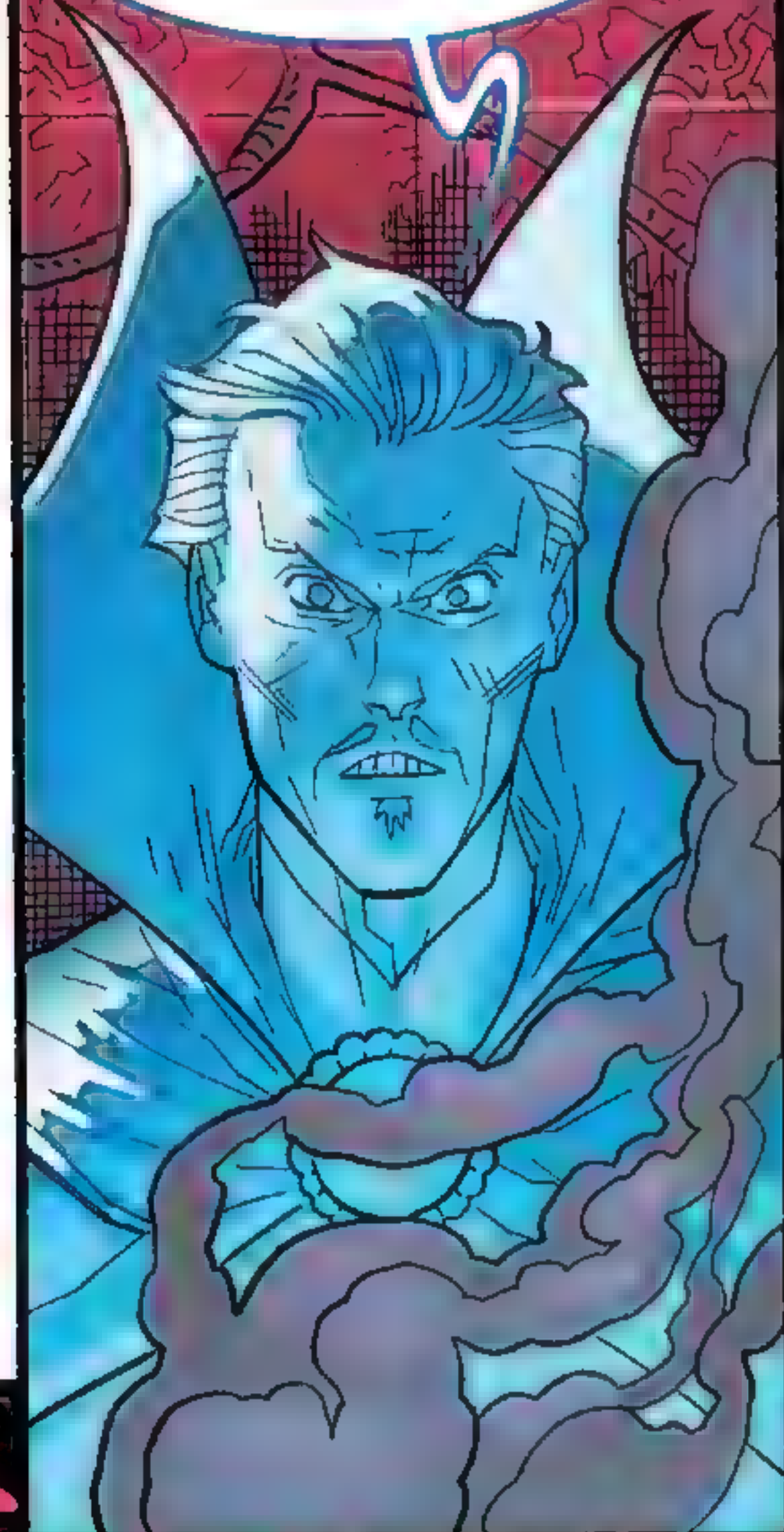
OH
GOD!

I WILL FREE YOU, BUT REMEMBER,
YOU NOW KNOW FIRSTHAND THE
EFFICIENCY OF MY NEW POWERS
OF CONTAINMENT AND TORTURE,
SO DON'T TRY ANYTHING.
DO AS I INSTRUCTED.

DISMANTLE
WHAT YOU
BUILT.

AS YOU
COMMAND,
SORCERER
SUPREME...

YOUR POWERS WERE SIMPLE TO TRACK. YOU DECEIVED BRUCE, DISGUISED AS ME. YOU CRAFTED THIS INTRICATE MIND PALACE...FOR WHAT? WHAT IS THE ENDGAME HERE?



NO COMMENT, D'SPAYRE?

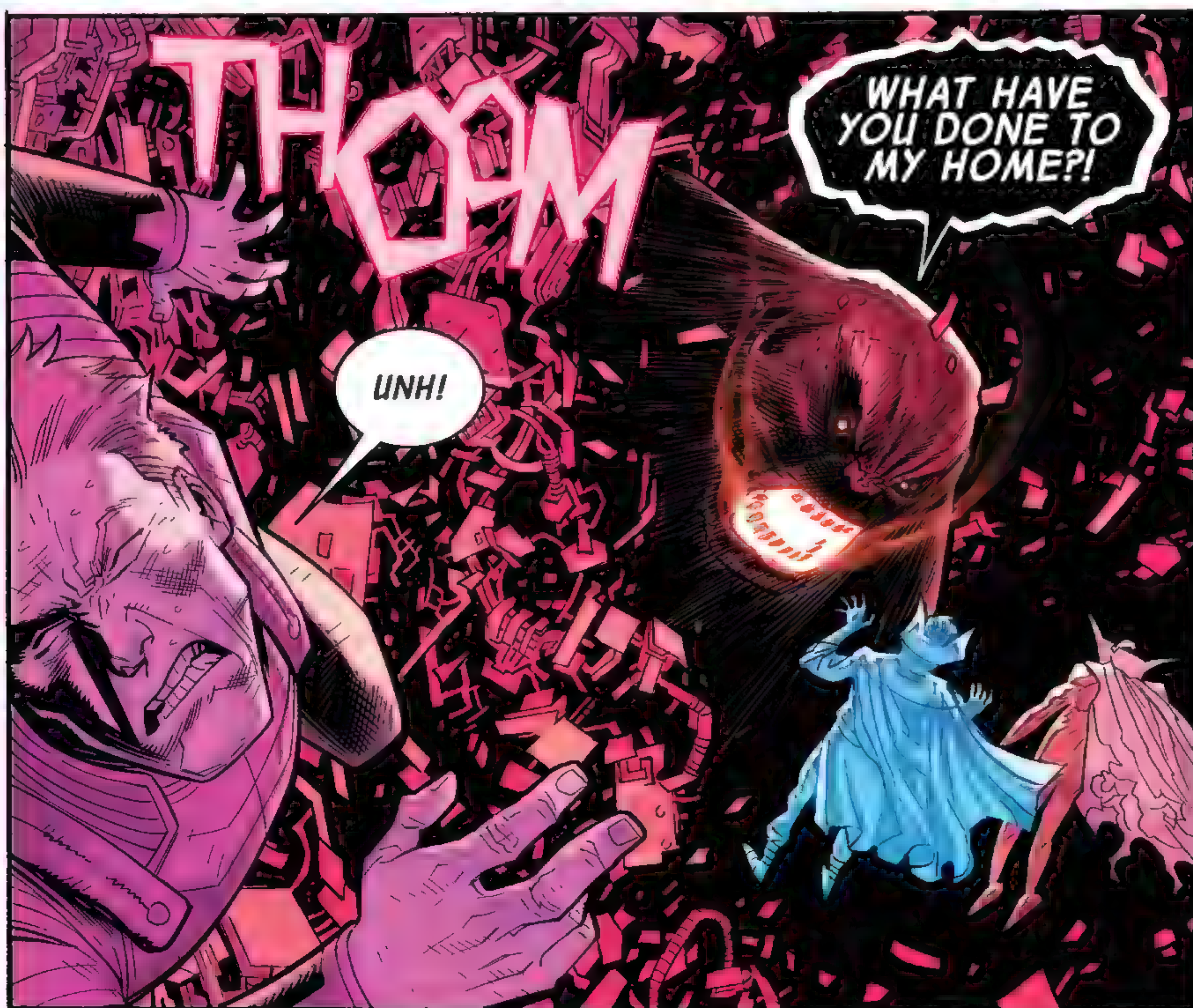
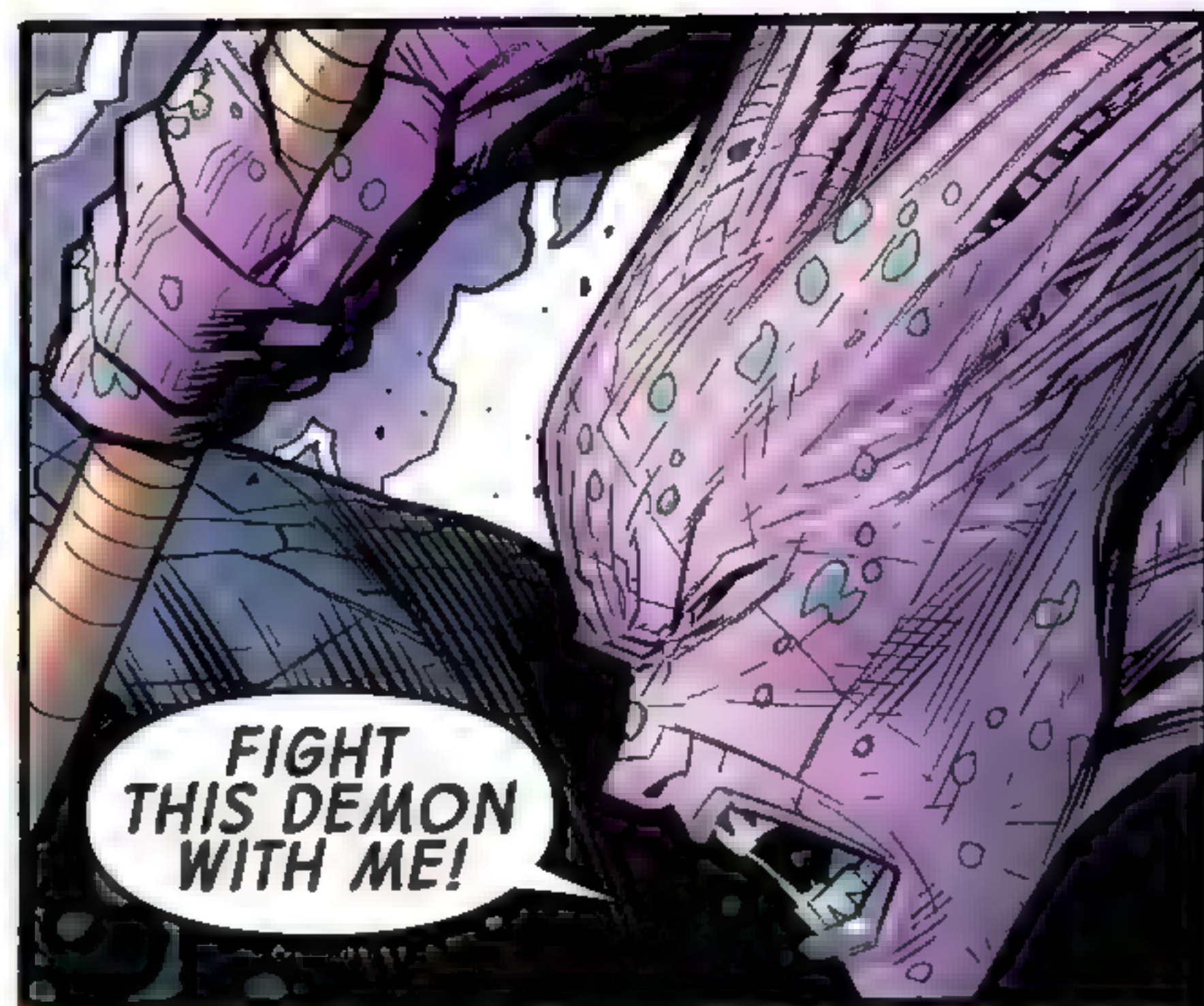


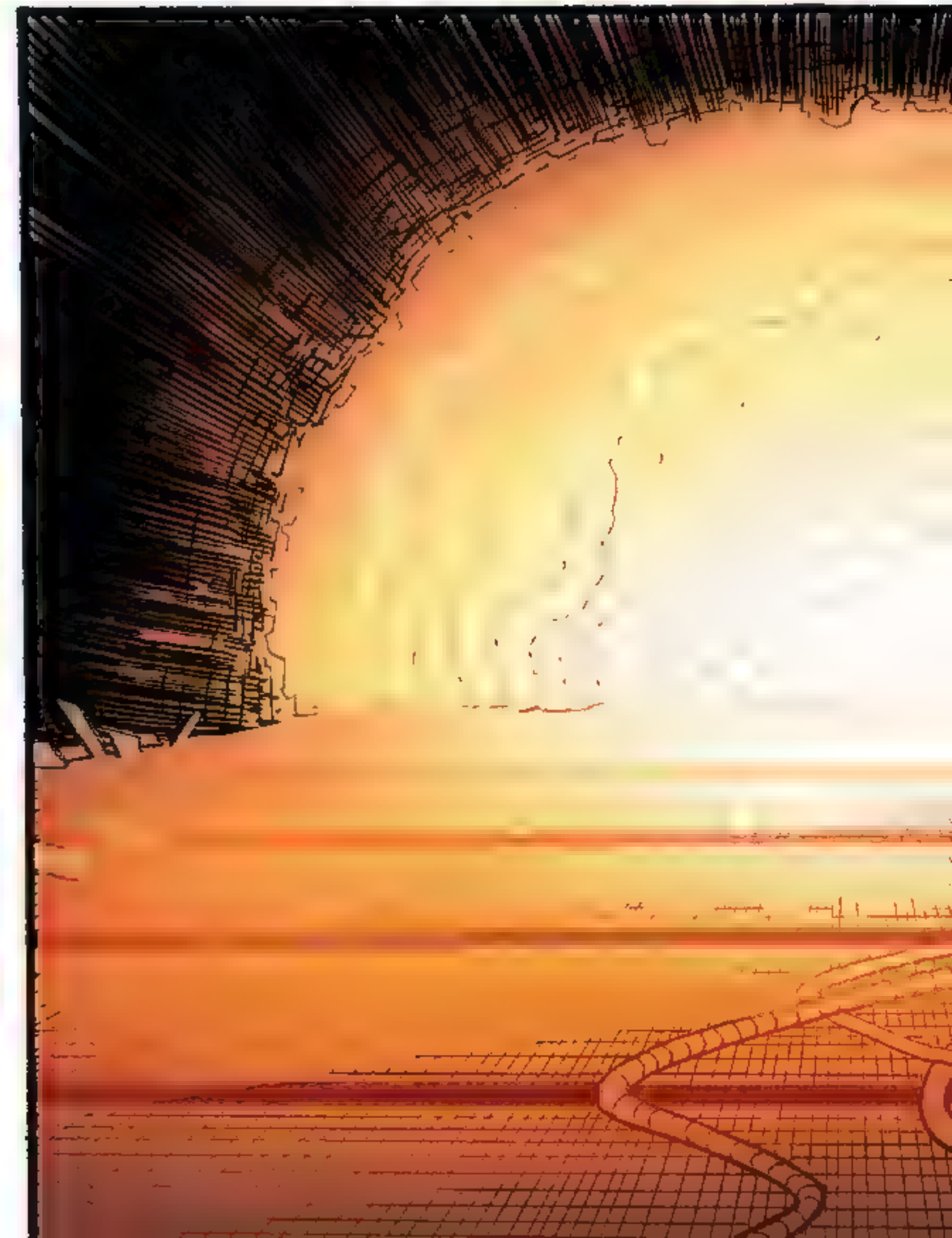
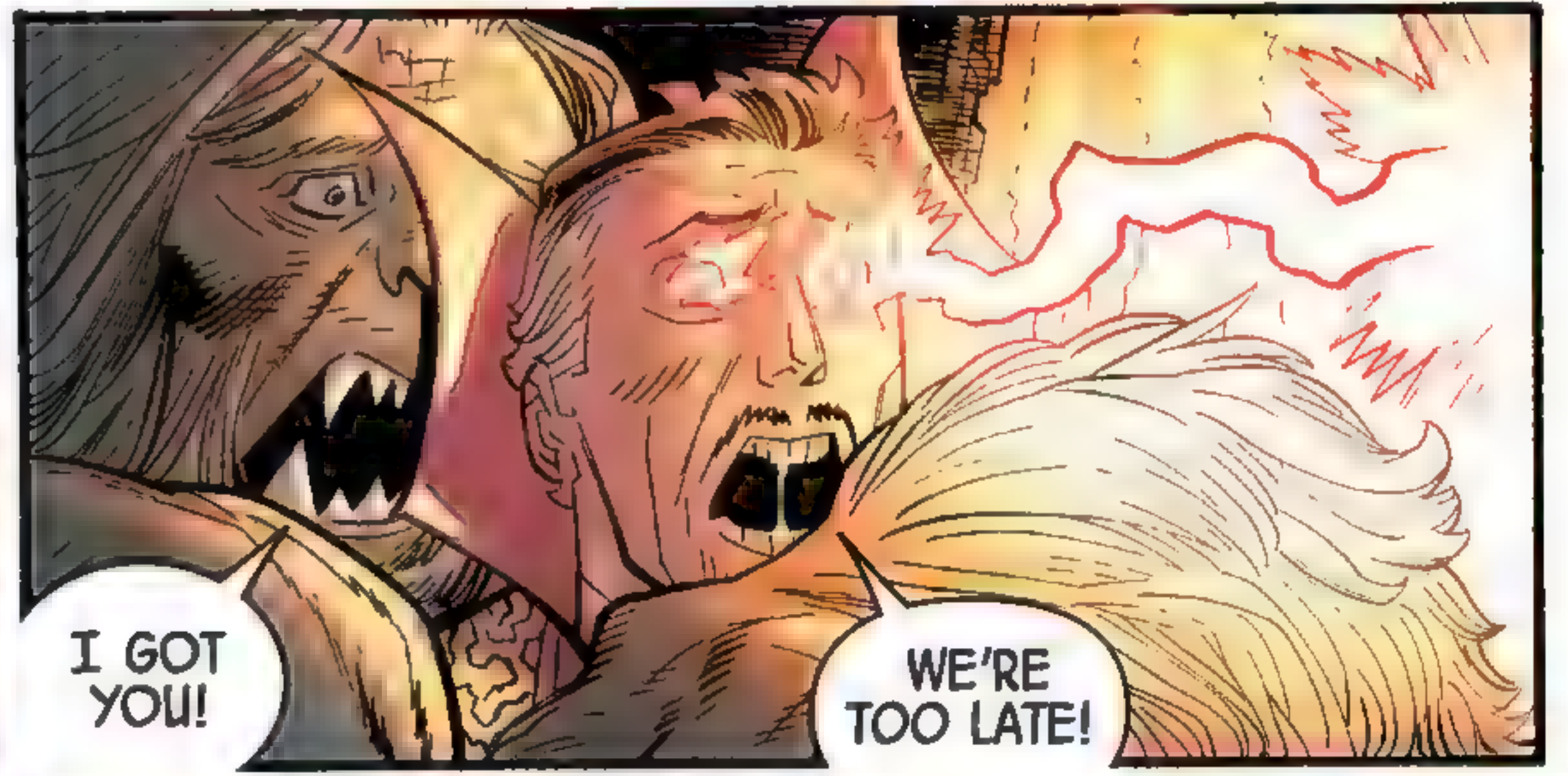
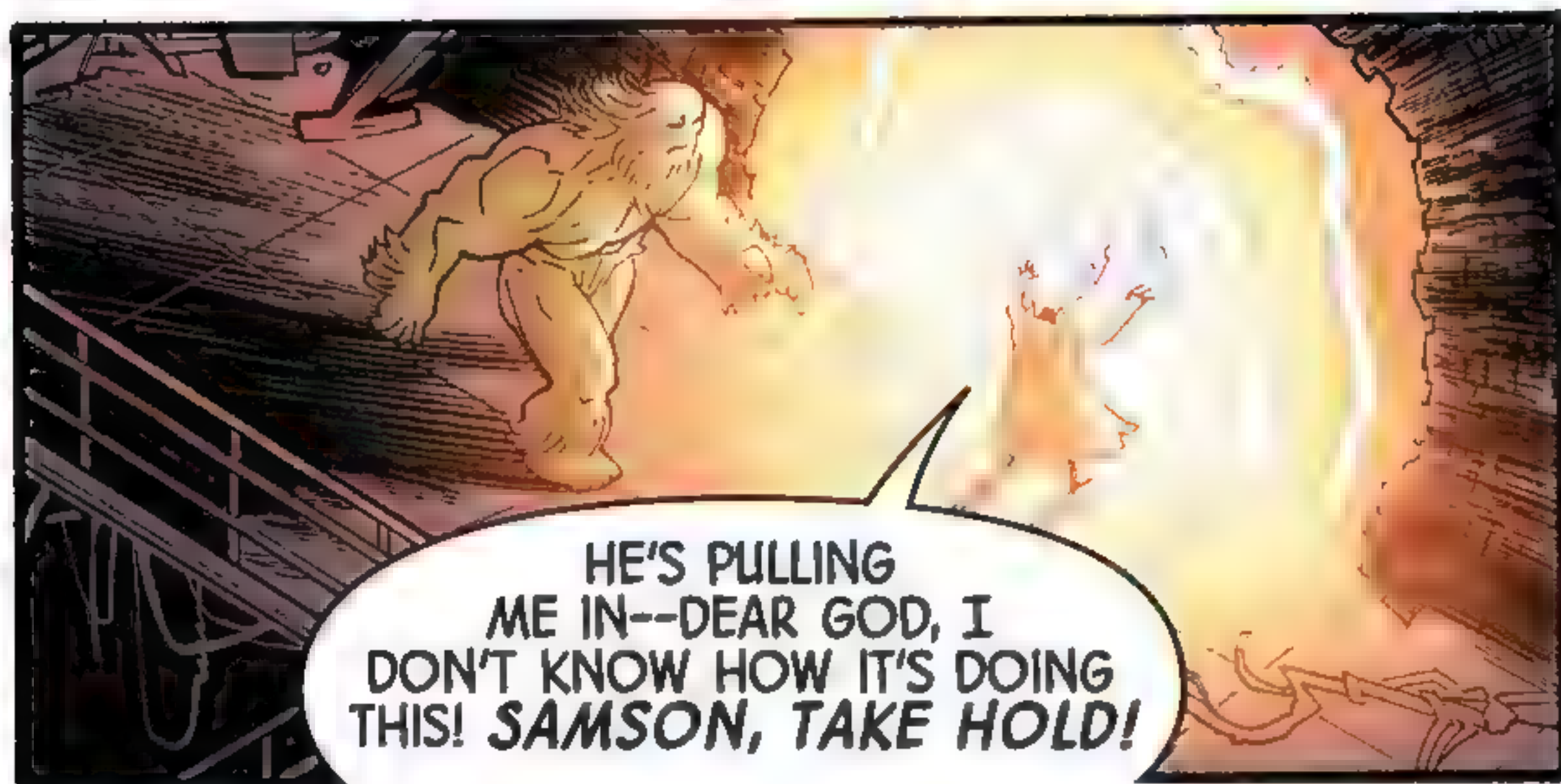
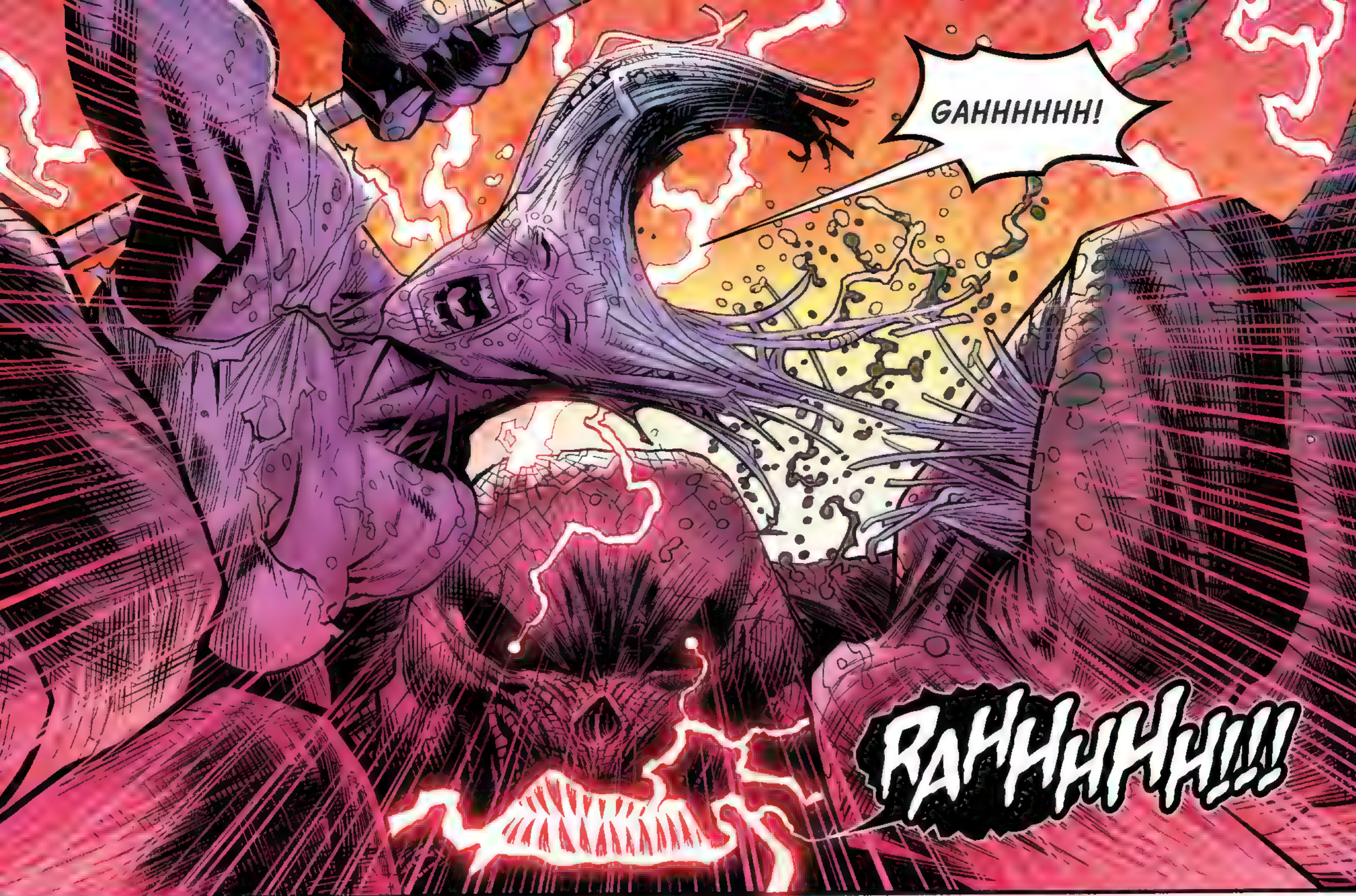
IT SEEMS BLASPHEMOUS TO SPEAK ON ANOTHER'S INTENT.



I AM NOTHING BUT A **SERVANT** IN THIS PLAN.





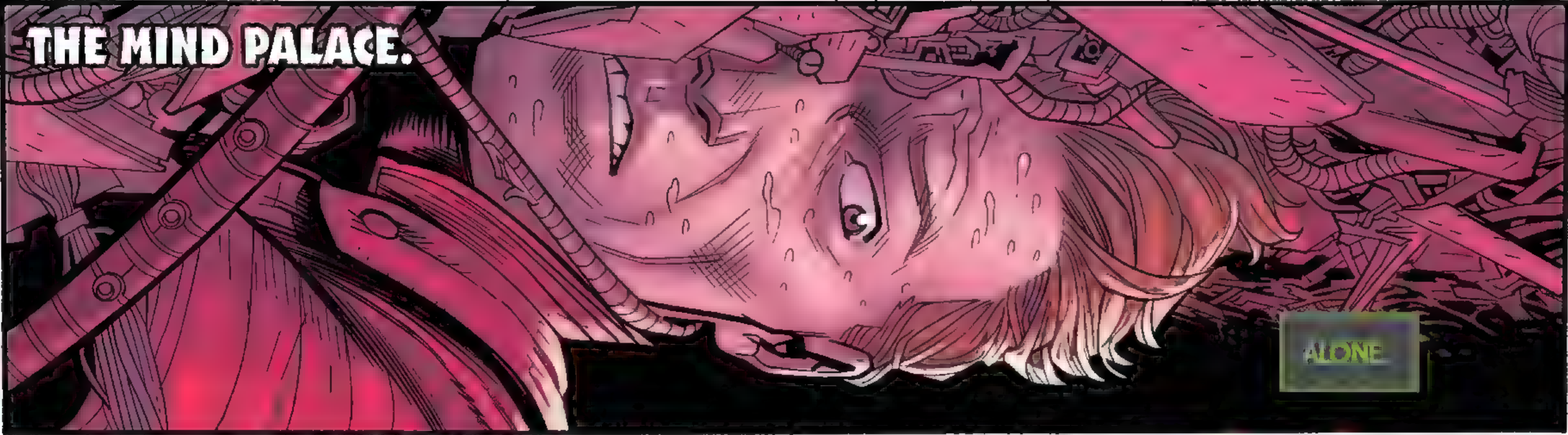




HULK #5 VARIANT BY JORGE FORNÉS



HULK #14

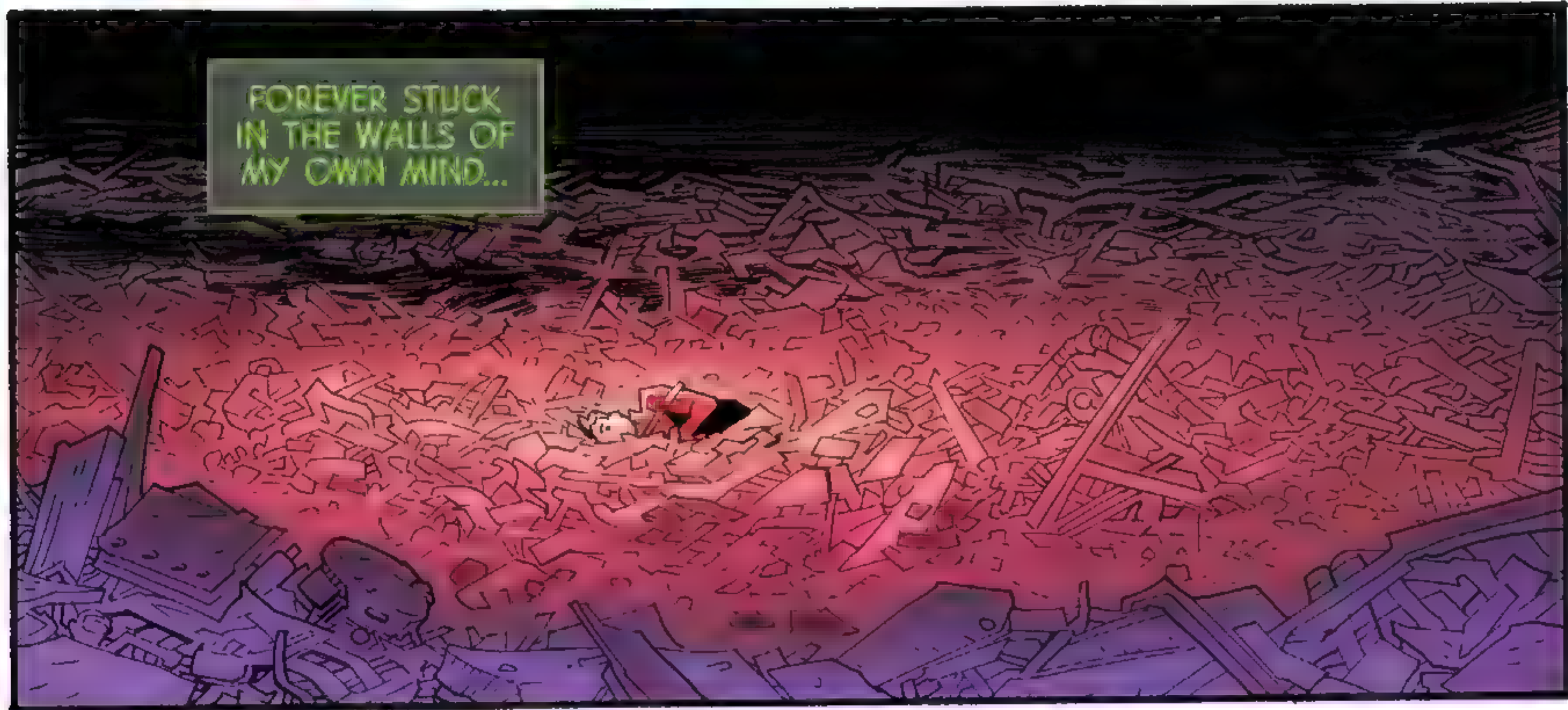


THE MIND PALACE.

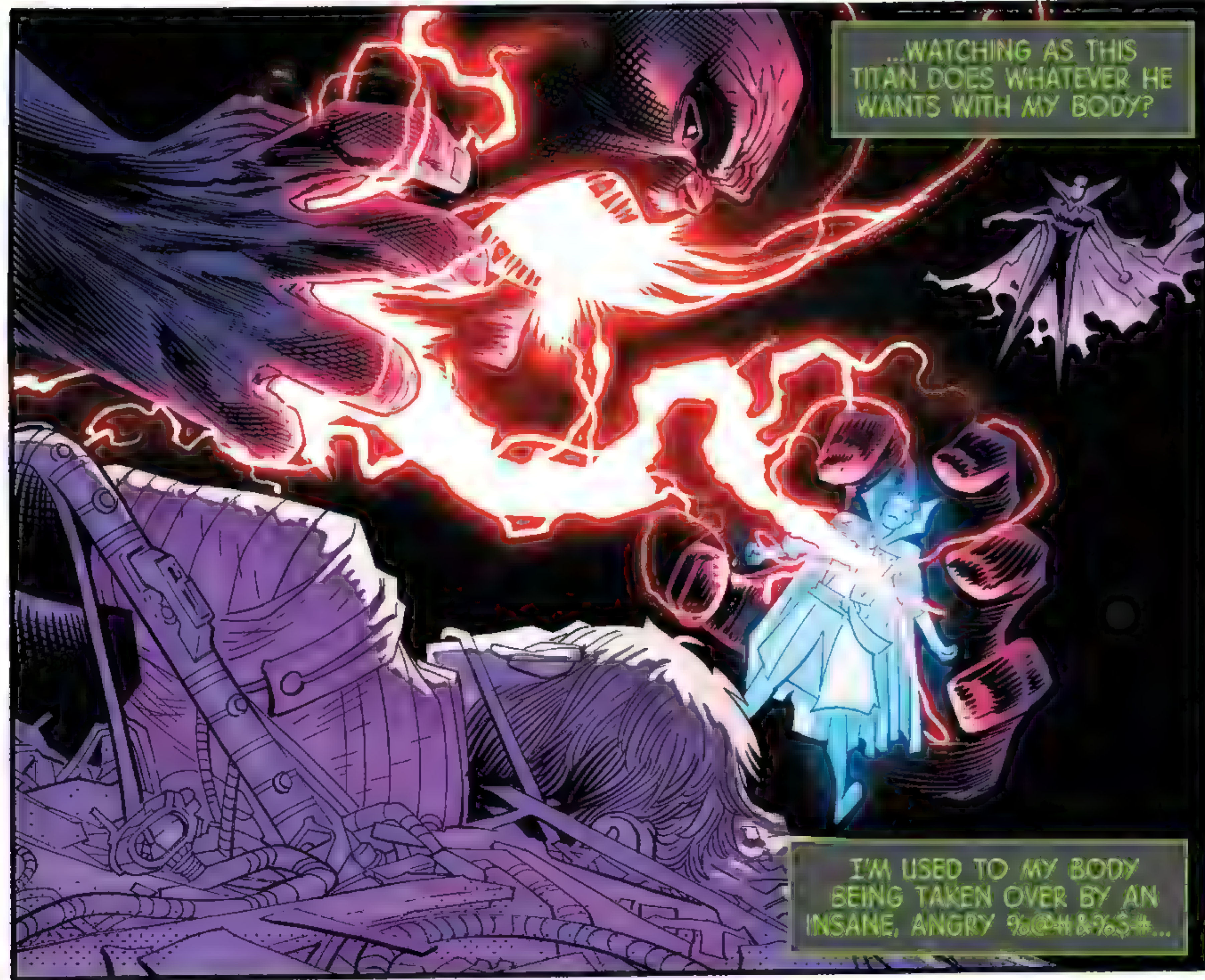
ALONE



IS THIS
REALLY HOW
IT ENDS?



FOREVER STUCK
IN THE WALLS OF
MY OWN MIND...



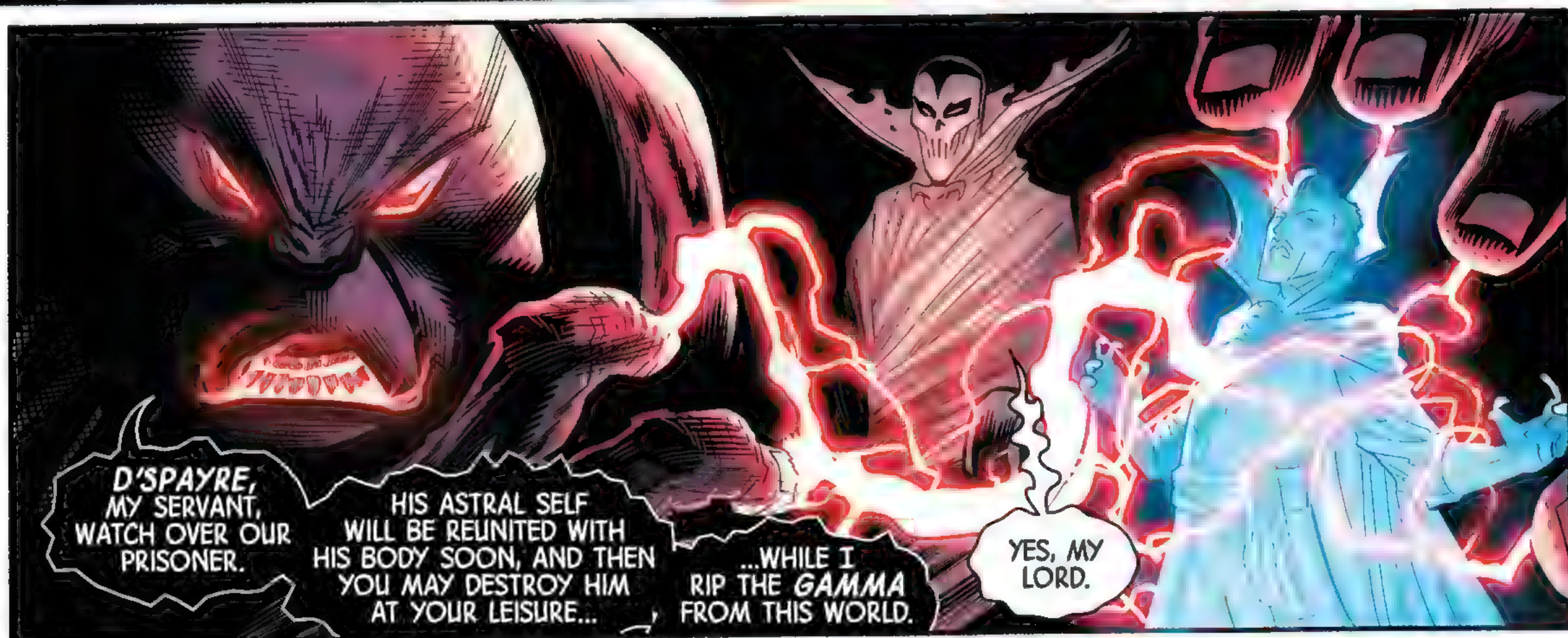
...WATCHING AS THIS
TITAN DOES WHATEVER HE
WANTS WITH MY BODY?

I'M USED TO MY BODY
BEING TAKEN OVER BY AN
INSANE, ANGRY %@#&%\$#...



...BUT THIS
%@#&%\$# IS
CONSIDERABLY
WORSE.

HULK PLANET.





"I FELT THE SAME WAY YOU DO RIGHT NOW WHEN I WAS INTRODUCED TO THIS POWER.



"FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY EXISTENCE, I SENSED SOMETHING FAR GREATER THAN MY CREATOR--GREATER THAN ANY BEING I'D EVER ENCOUNTERED.



"AND IT HANDED A PIECE OF ITS POWER TO ME.



"THE WEIGHT OF THIS SMALL SPECK...WAS OVERWHELMING.



"I WANTED TO BEG FOR JUST A PORTION OF THIS SPECK FOR MYSELF, BUT THE FEAR CONSUMED ME. WHO WAS I TO ASK ANYTHING OF A BEING SUCH AS THIS?

"I WAS CHARGED WITH EMBEDDING THE POWER DEEP IN BANNER'S MIND, IN HIS MOST POWERFUL MEMORIES..."

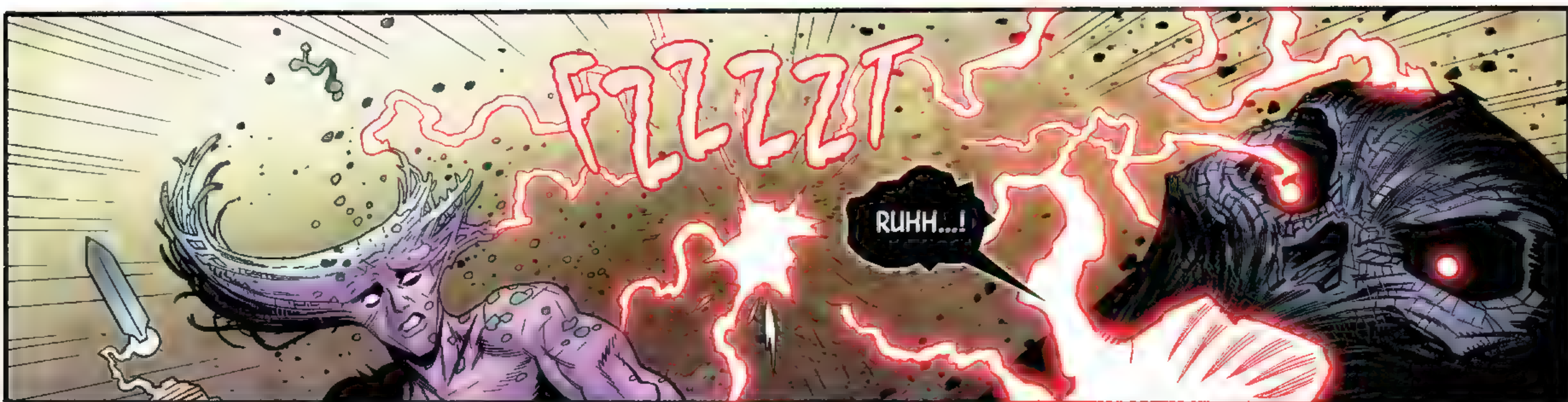


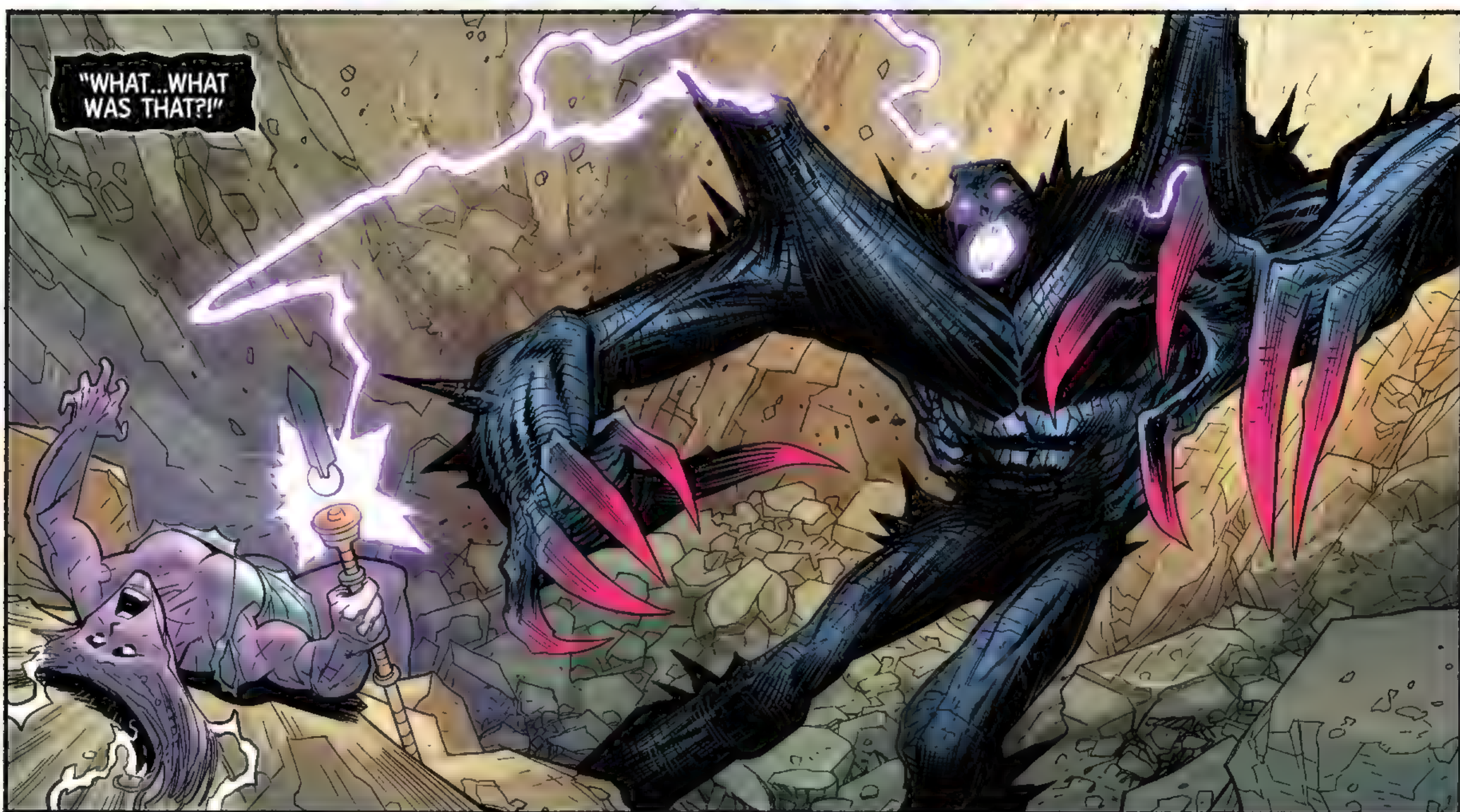
IT FOUND ITS WAY, FED ON A PERFECT SYSTEM OF FUNNELING GAMMA FROM HULK...AND GREW INTO WHAT WE NOW HAVE BEFORE US.

A TITAN.

HE WILL DRAIN THIS PLANET, THEN MOVE ON TO YOUR HOMEWORLD. AND I GET TO WATCH EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AS DEATH WASHES OVER ALL IN A SYMPHONY OF WEEPING AND WAILING.

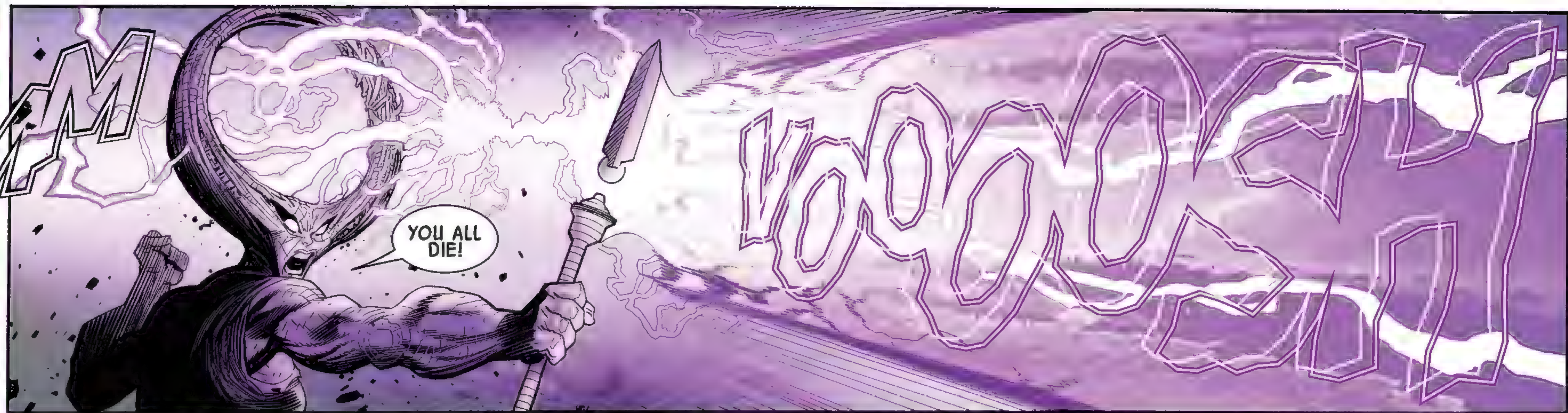
I THANK YOU FOR THE INVITE.







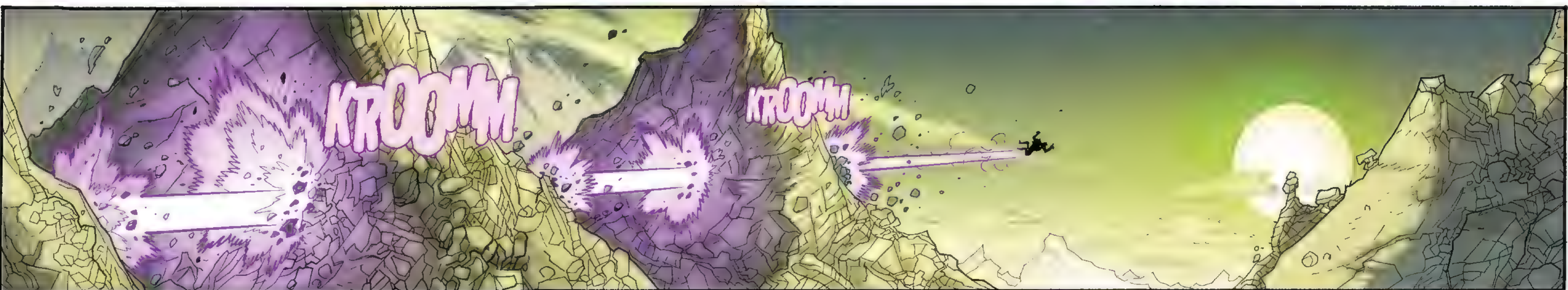
YOU FAILED
US, HULK! BRUCE...
YOU FAILED US! YOU
BROUGHT THIS DEMON
TO OUR HOME!
NOW IT DIES.



YOU ALL
DIE!

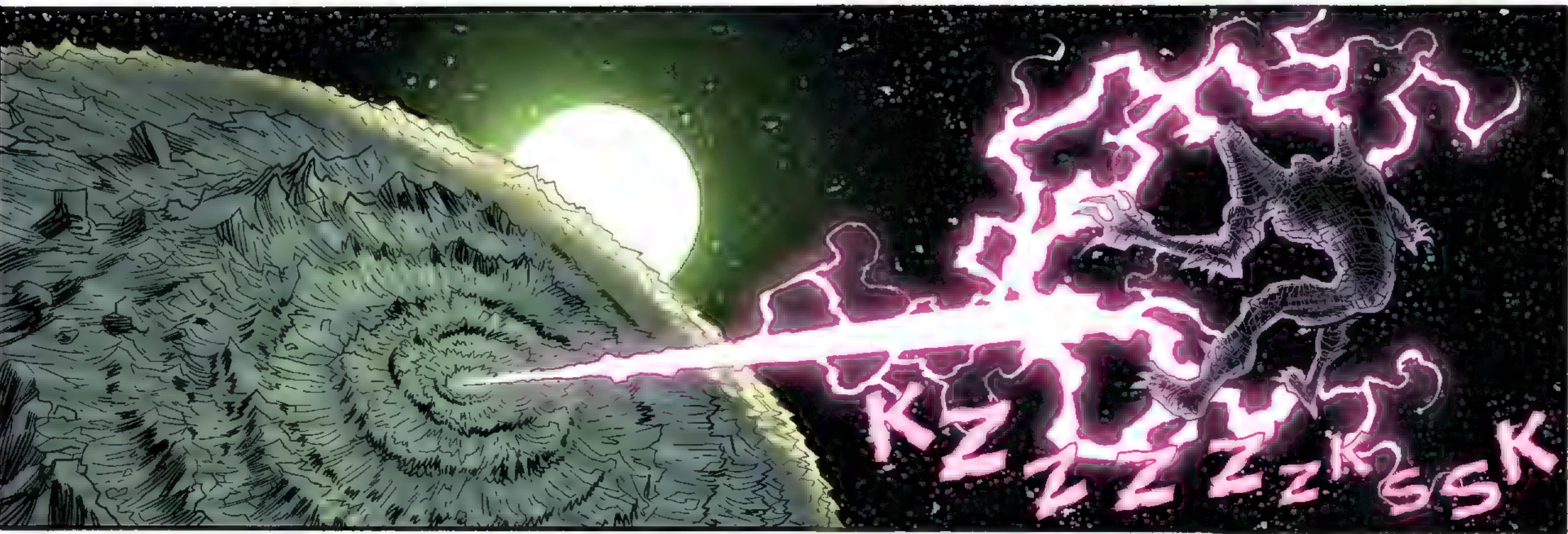


THOOON



KROOM

KROOM



KZZZZZSSK

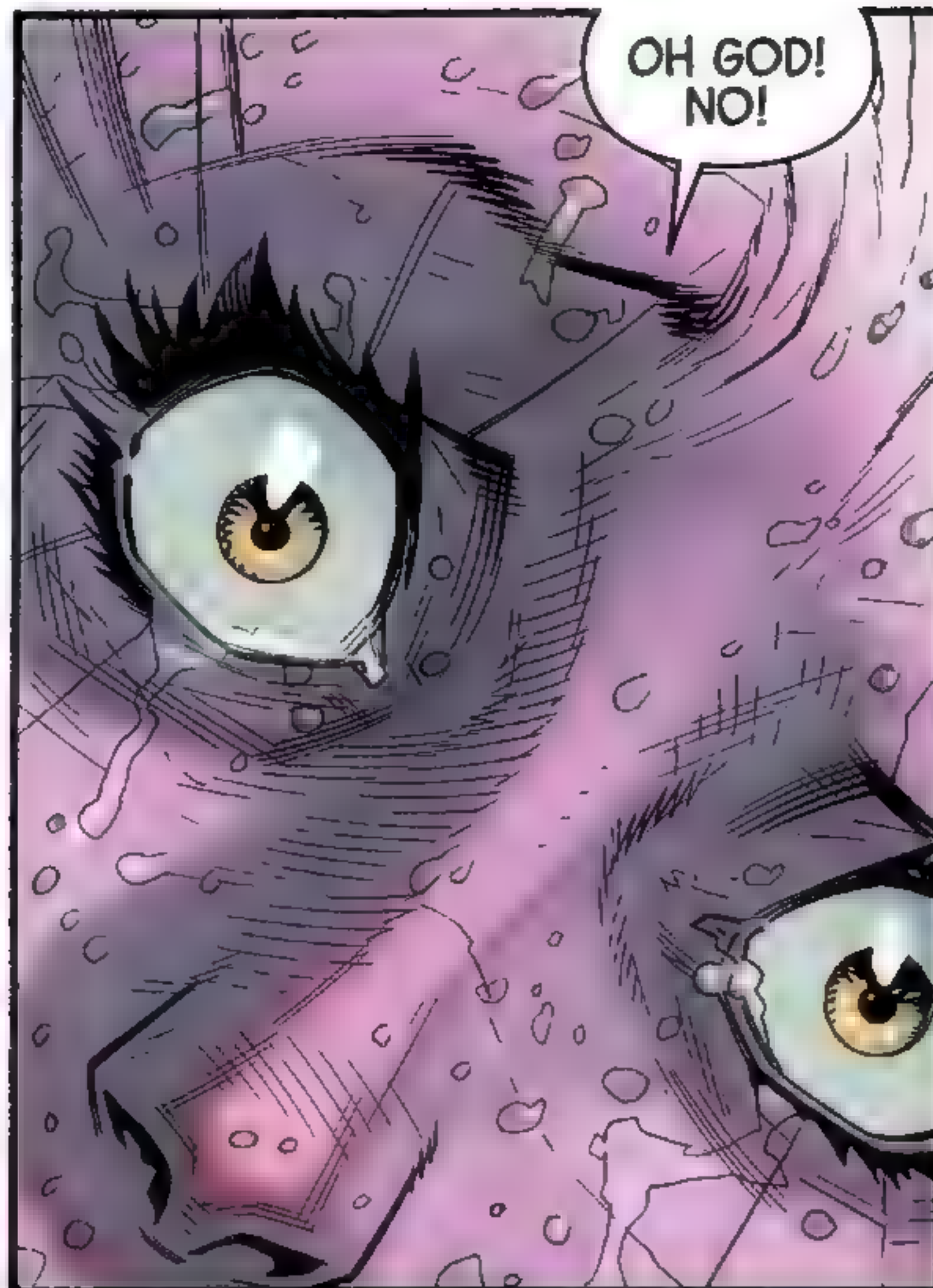


HOW
DARE YOU
TAKE FROM ME
THAT WHICH
IS MINE?!



MONOLITH!
SHE...SHE SAVED
US ALL!

UNH...



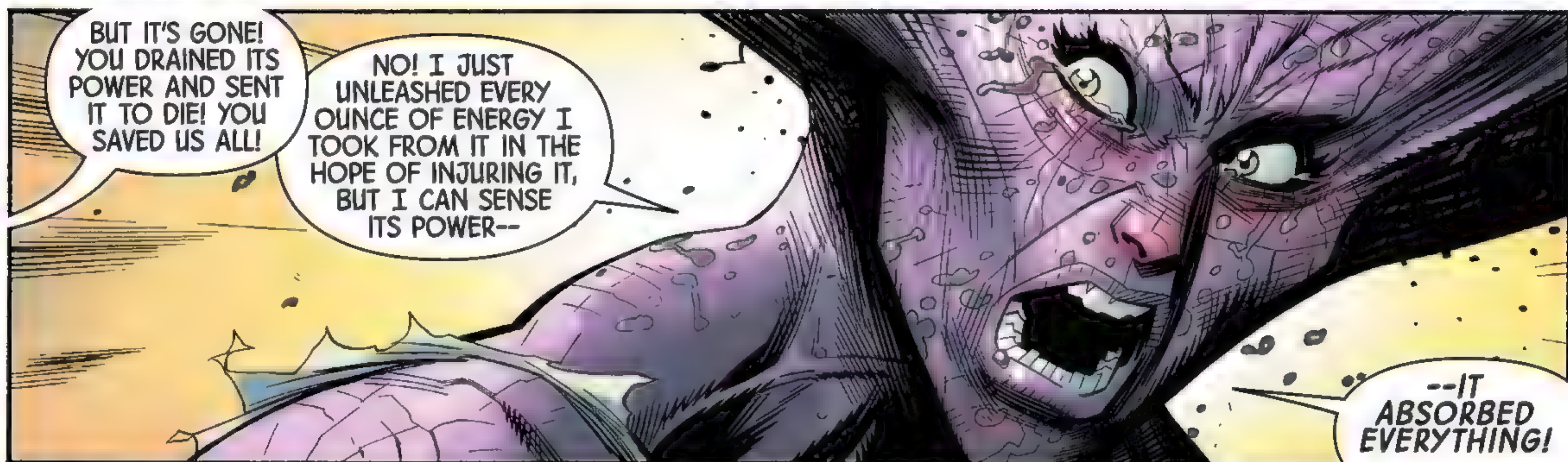
OH GOD!
NO!



YOU
DESTROYED IT,
MY QUEEN!

NO...NO, I
ANGERED IT. I
SAW...EVERYTHING.
ITS POWER...I DON'T
UNDERSTAND IT...
SO ANCIENT...
MASSIVE...

WE MUST
FLEE. IT'S OUR
ONLY CHANCE.



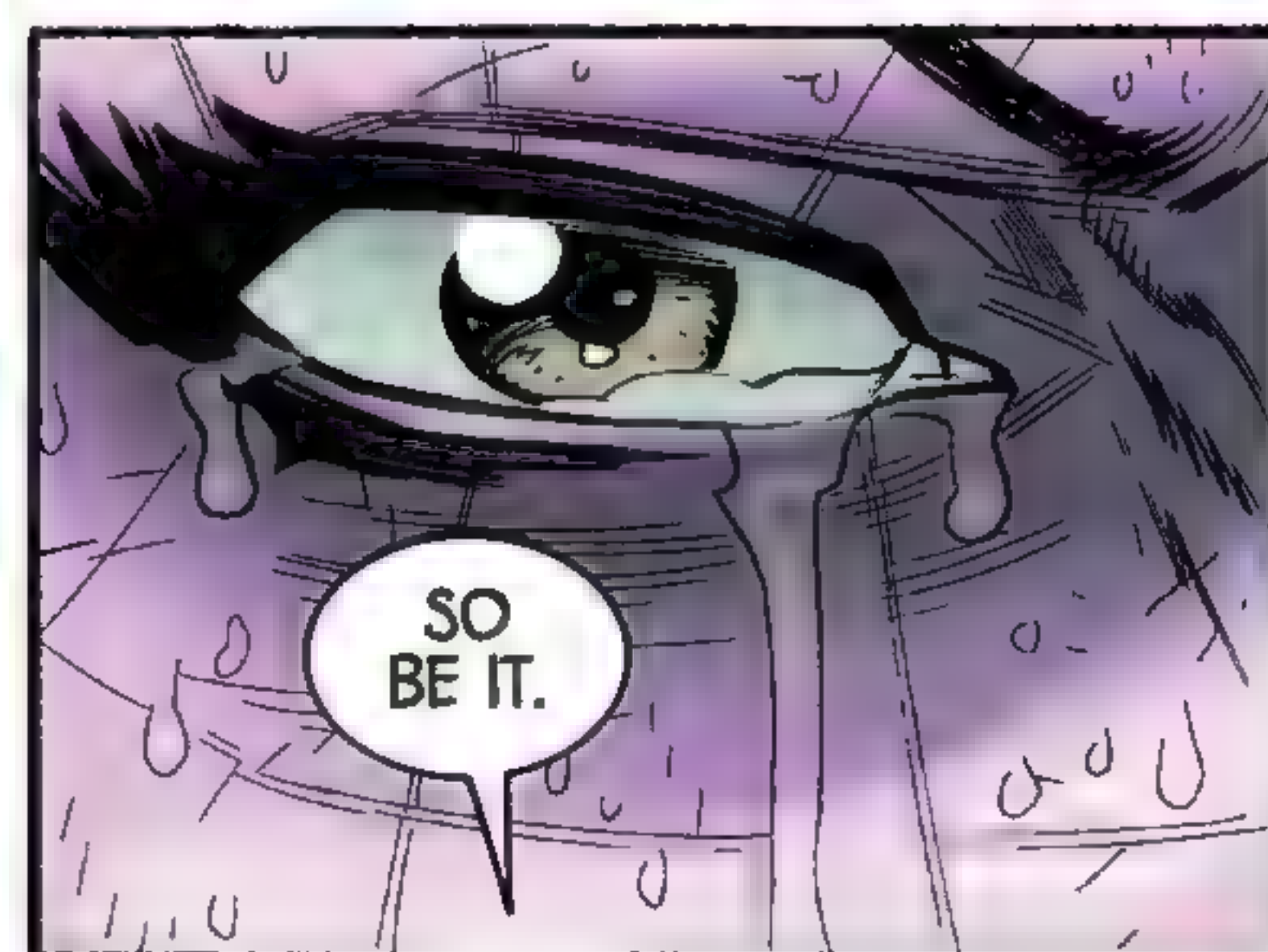
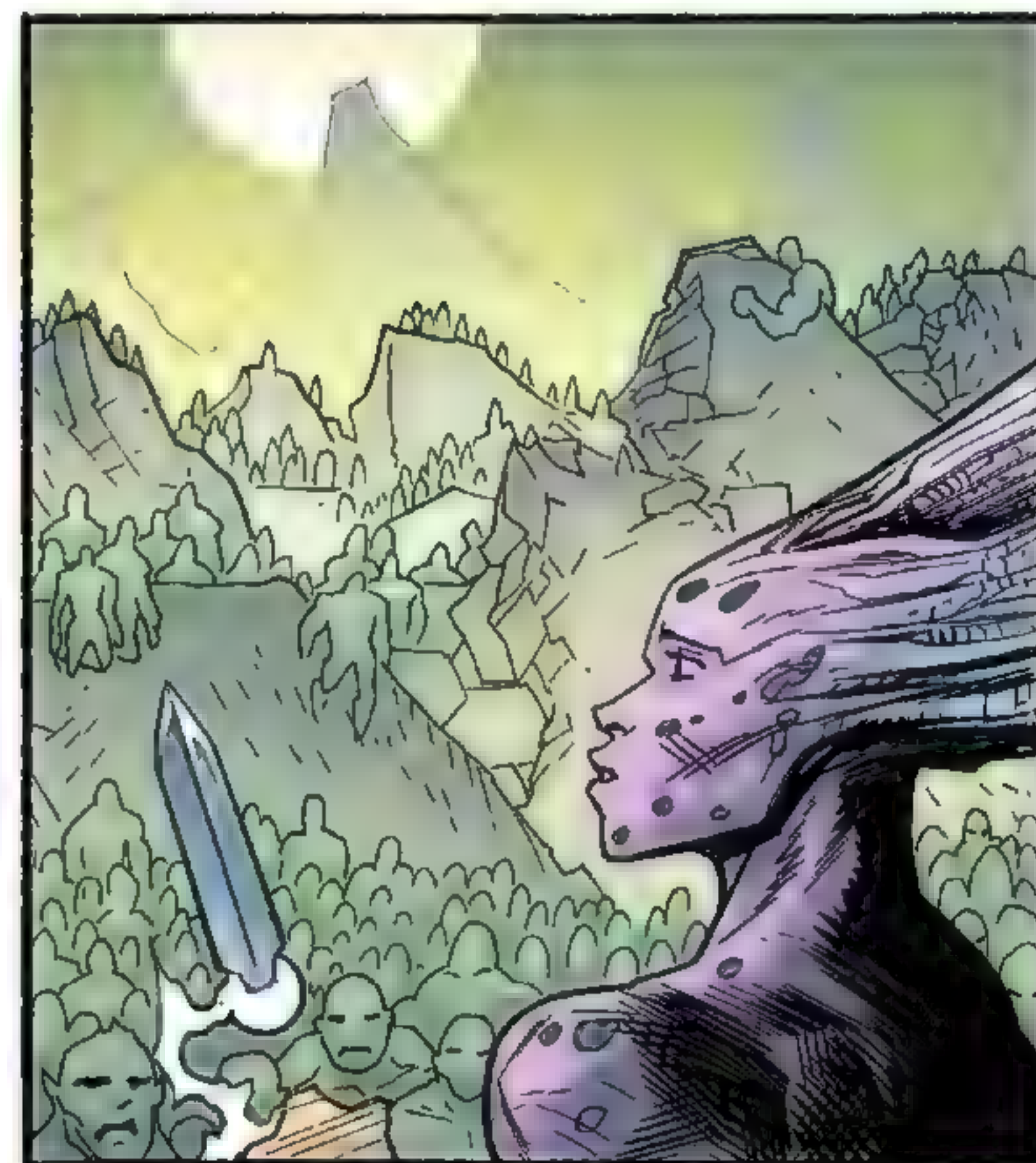
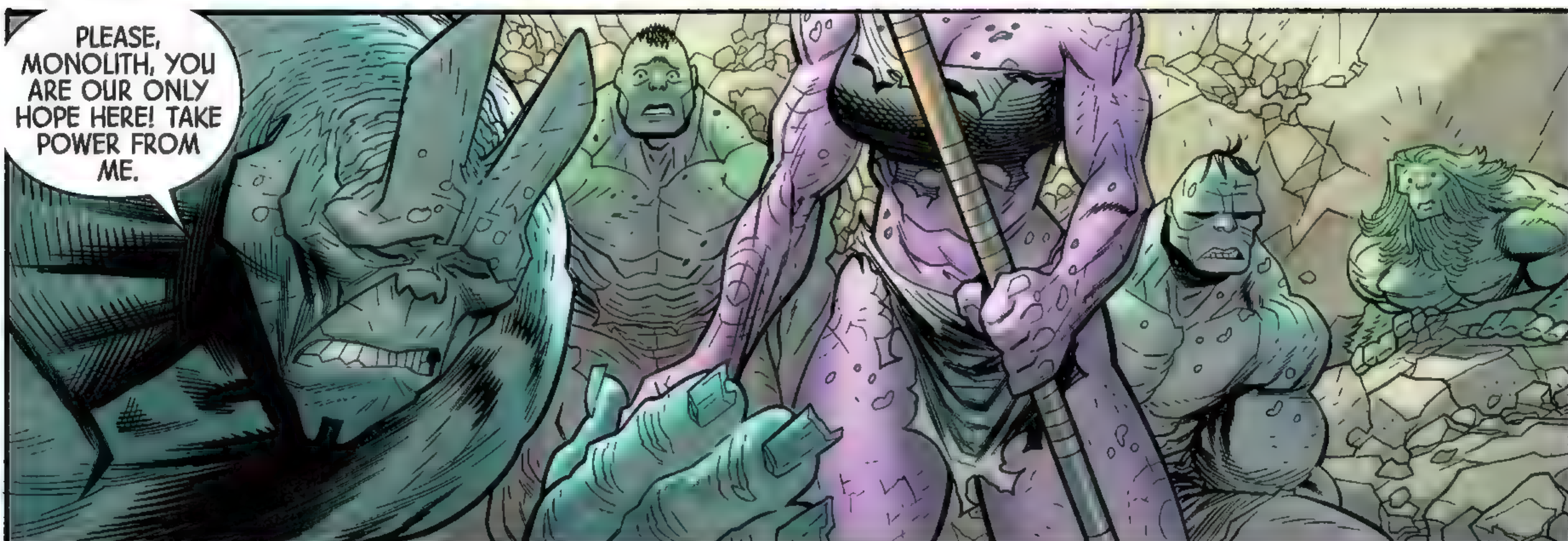
BUT IT'S GONE!
YOU DRAINED ITS
POWER AND SENT
IT TO DIE! YOU
SAVED US ALL!

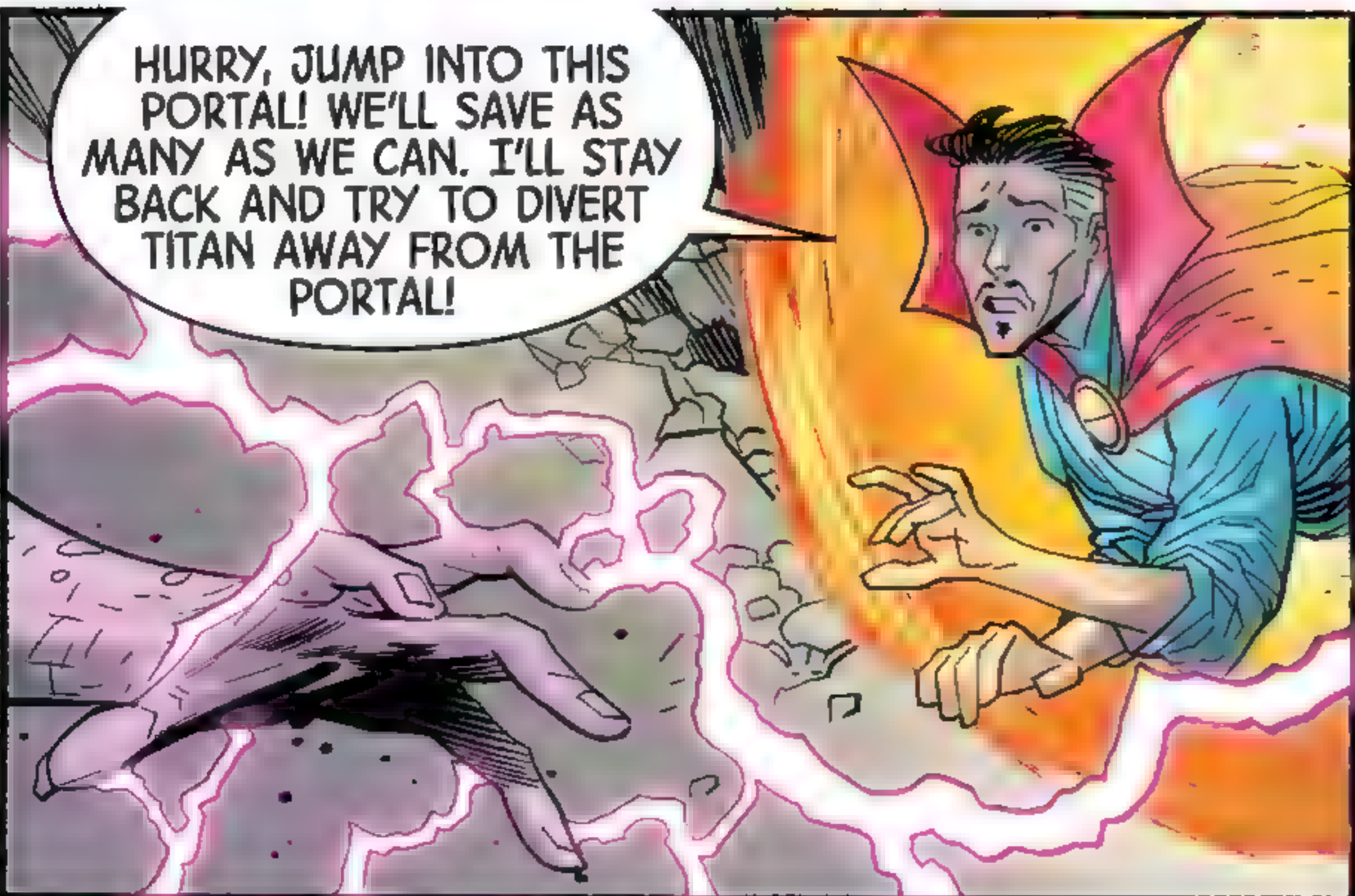
NO! I JUST
UNLEASHED EVERY
OUNCE OF ENERGY I
TOOK FROM IT IN THE
HOPE OF INJURING IT,
BUT I CAN SENSE
ITS POWER--

--IT
ABSORBED
EVERYTHING!



"MY EFFORTS
DID NOTHING
BUT **FEED IT!**"





"...TITAN IS
BACK."

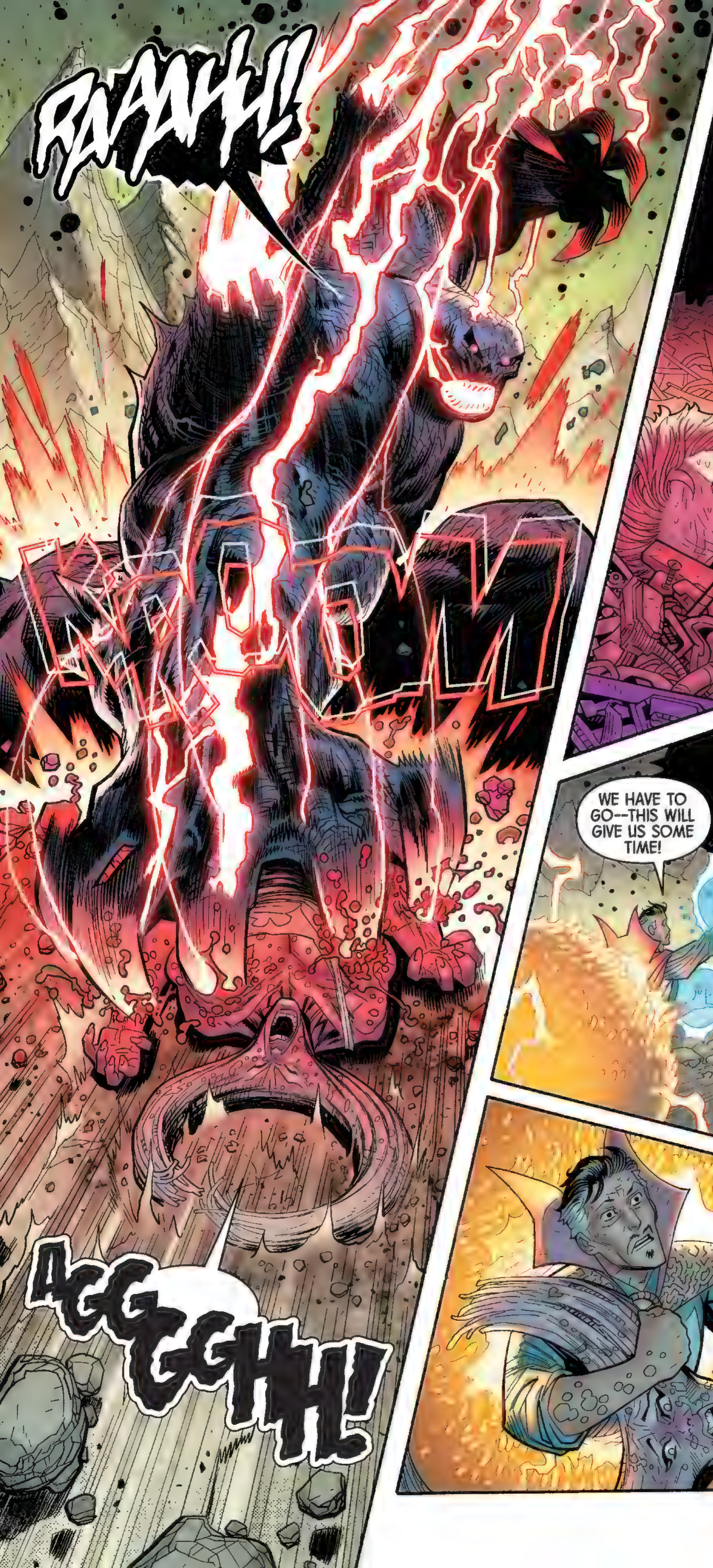


HULK...

WHERE
ARE YOU?

DOESN'T ANY
OF THIS ANGER YOU?
IS THIS REALLY HOW YOU
WANT TO SPEND OUR
ETERNITY? AS A MEMORY
STUCK IN A MIND THAT
WAS TAKEN FROM
US?!

THOOM



I'M SORRY, HULK. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO HEAR? I THOUGHT YOU WERE KILLING PEOPLE. **INFECTING** THEM. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING ON, BUT I COULDN'T BE OKAY WITH IT. I HAD TO TAKE FULL CONTROL. I HAD TO LEAVE THE PLANET. I HAD TO PROTECT EVERYONE MY OWN WAY.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING? I **HAD** TO DO THIS! AND NOW I NEED YOUR HELP! THIS WHOLE PLANET NEEDS **OUR** HELP!

WE HAVE TO GO--THIS WILL GIVE US SOME TIME!

WAIT...

...SAVE MY PEOPLE FIRST!

WE CAN OPEN AS MANY PORTALS
AS NEEDED TO GET YOUR PEOPLE
TO SAFETY. THERE'RE MANY OTHER
DIMENSIONS TO FIND
REFUGE IN.

I'M SORRY TO
SAY IT, BUT YOUR
PLANET IS LOST. WE
CAN'T STOP
TITAN.

THANK YOU
FOR HELPING
US. I...

BZZZZZKT

RRAAAHHH!!

WHY DON'T
YOU CARE? WHAT
WILL IT TAKE FOR
YOU TO REACT?

DOESN'T IT
ANGER YOU TO
KNOW THESE PEOPLE
COULD ALL DIE AT THE
HANDS OF TITAN?

THEY
COULD BE GONE
AT ANY MOMENT. THE
ENTIRE PLANET GONE
IN THE BLINK OF
AN EYE! BECAUSE
OF YOU!

WAKE
UP!



AAAGGHH!

WAKE UP!!!
WHERE THE
#@\$% ARE YOU,
DAMMIT?!



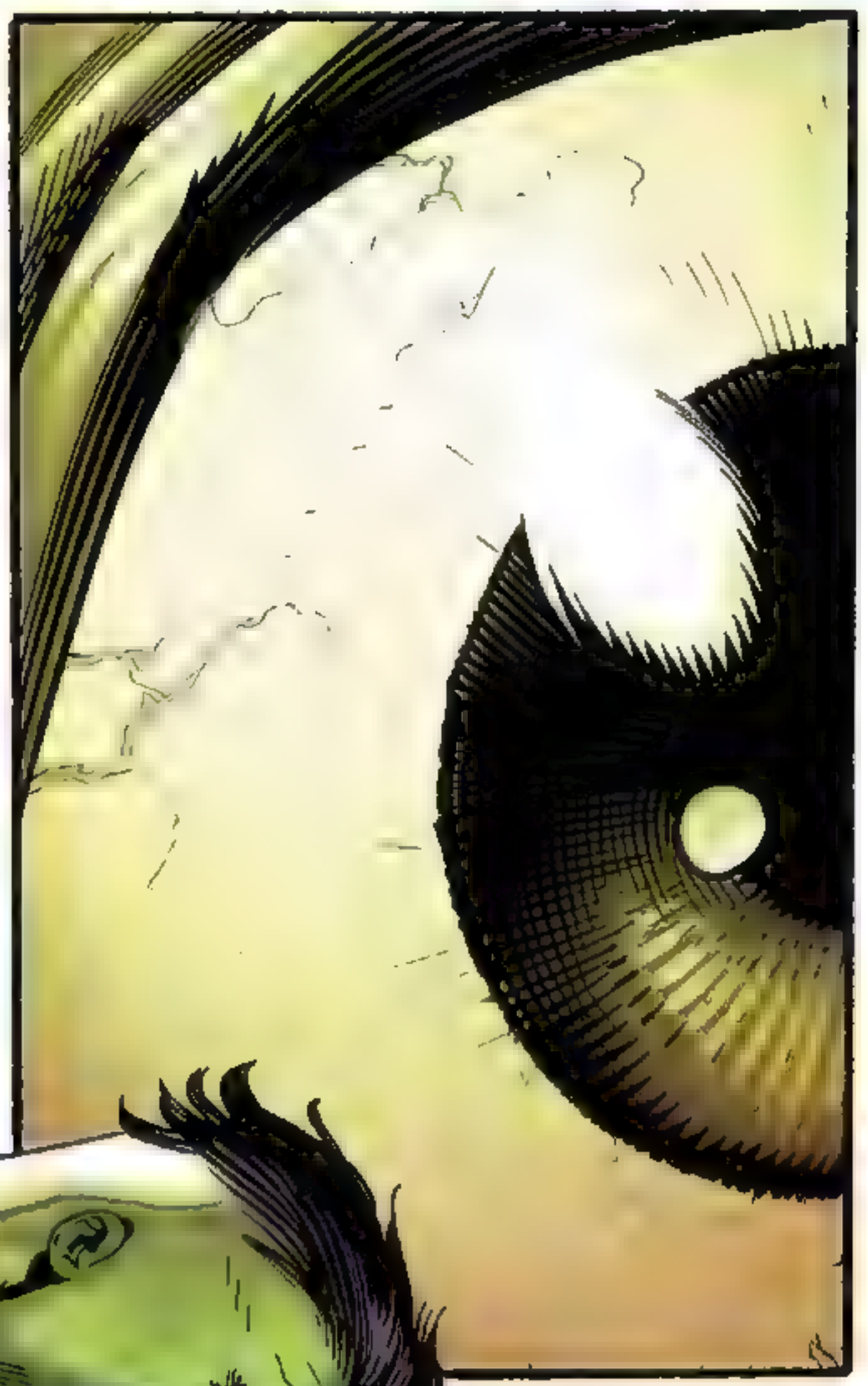
OH GOD,
I CAN'T
HOLD IT!



HULK?! YOU...
YOU'RE HERE.
NOW, WITH
ME.

WE ARE
HULK. AND WE
HAVE MANY
REASONS TO BE
ANGRY.

SO
LET'S GET
ANGRY! GET
TITAN
OUT!



RRRAHH!!!



I'VE TAKEN
ALL I NEED
FROM YOU.

UNFORTUNATELY,
I CAN'T GET RID OF
YOU COMPLETELY.

BUT I WILL
HAVE D'SPAYRE CREATE
ANOTHER MIND PALACE,
ONE WITH NO DOOR, NO
CHANCE OF YOUR ESCAPE,
AND NO RED-CAPED WIZARD
TO HELP YOU--I'M
ACTUALLY KILLING HIM
RIGHT NOW AS WE
SPEAK.

THIS IS
MY HOME
NOW.

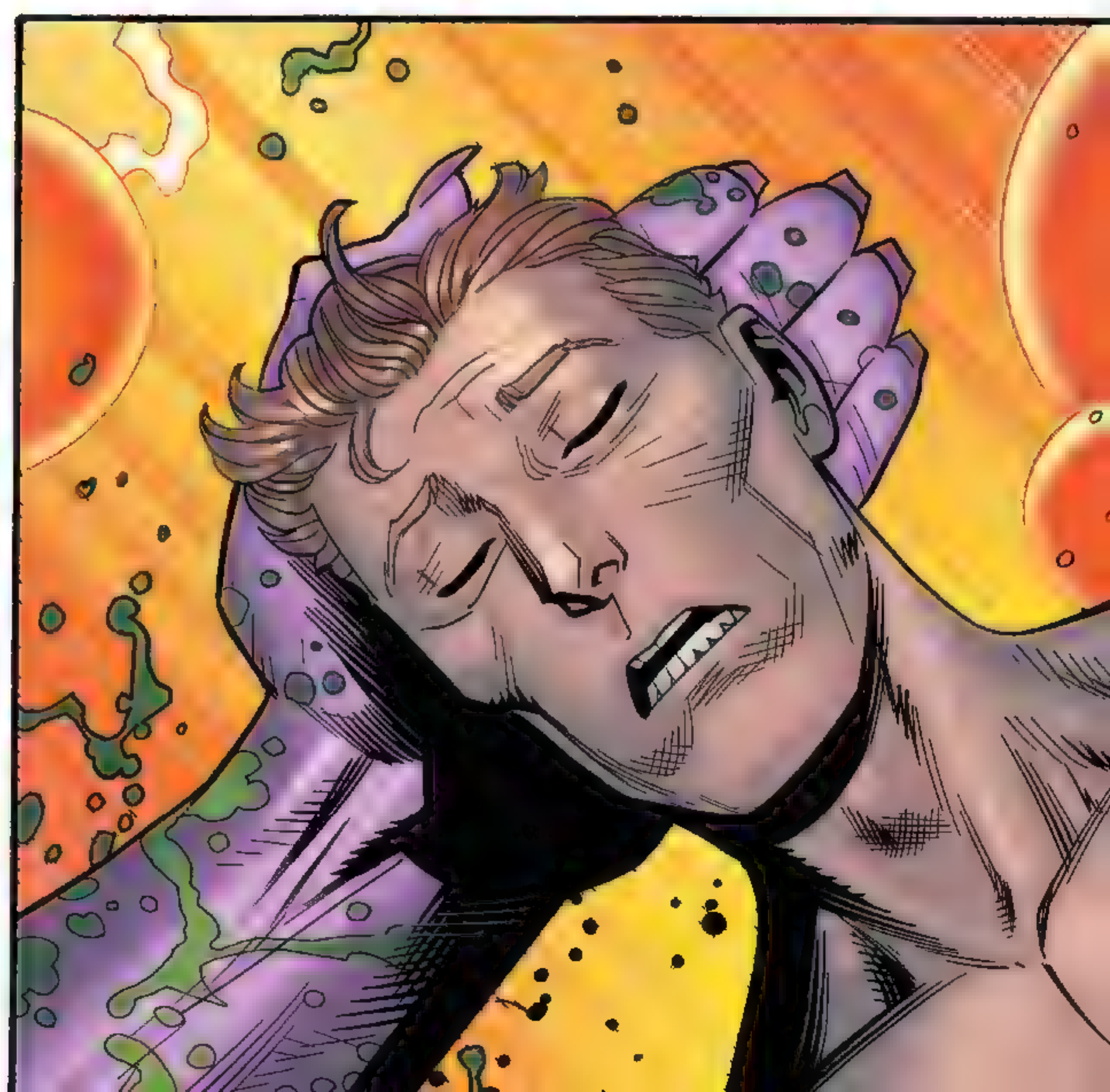
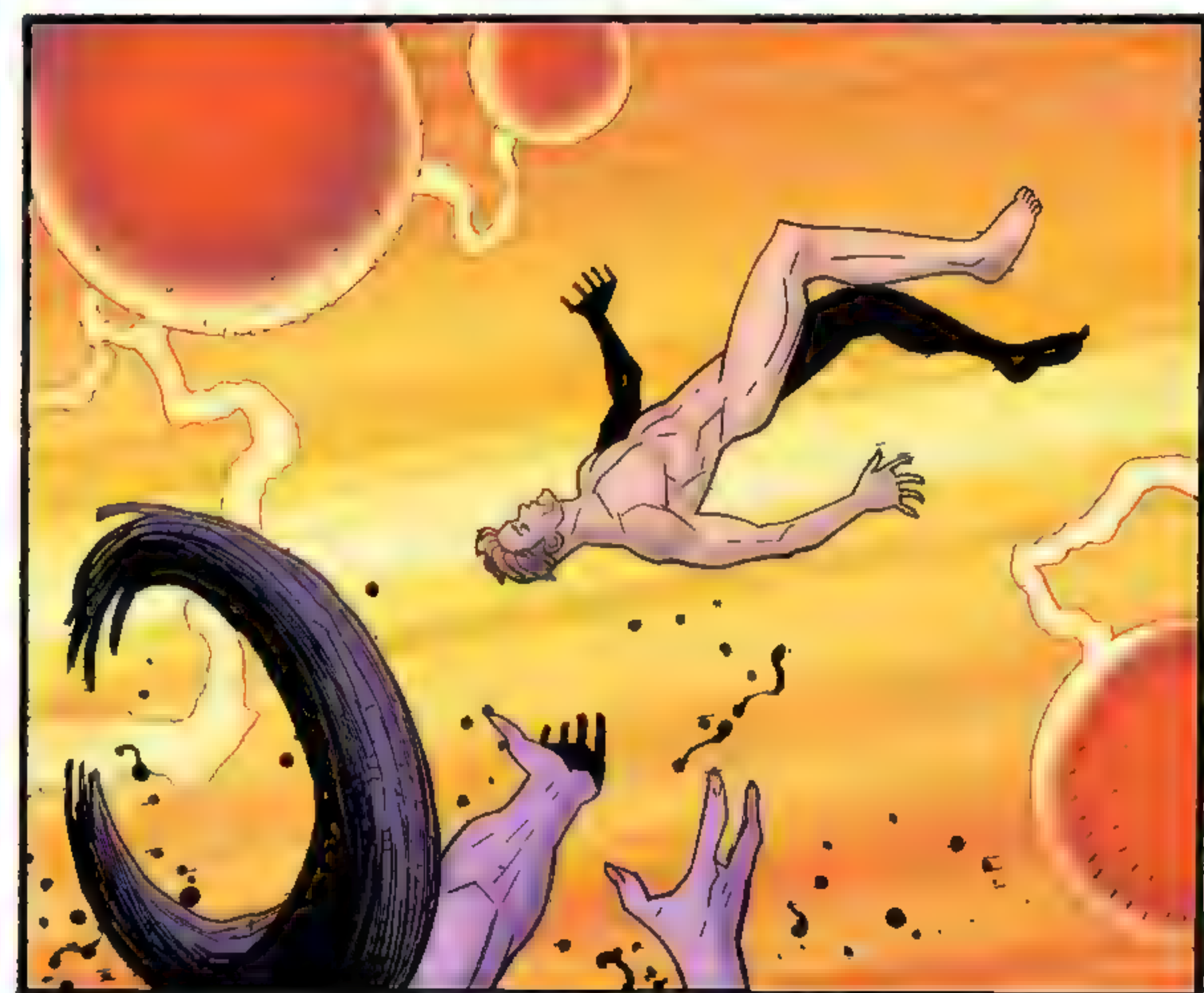
SO BE A GOOD
BOY--SIT DOWN, BE
QUIET AND WAIT PATIENTLY
FOR YOUR *ETERNAL*
INCARCERATION.

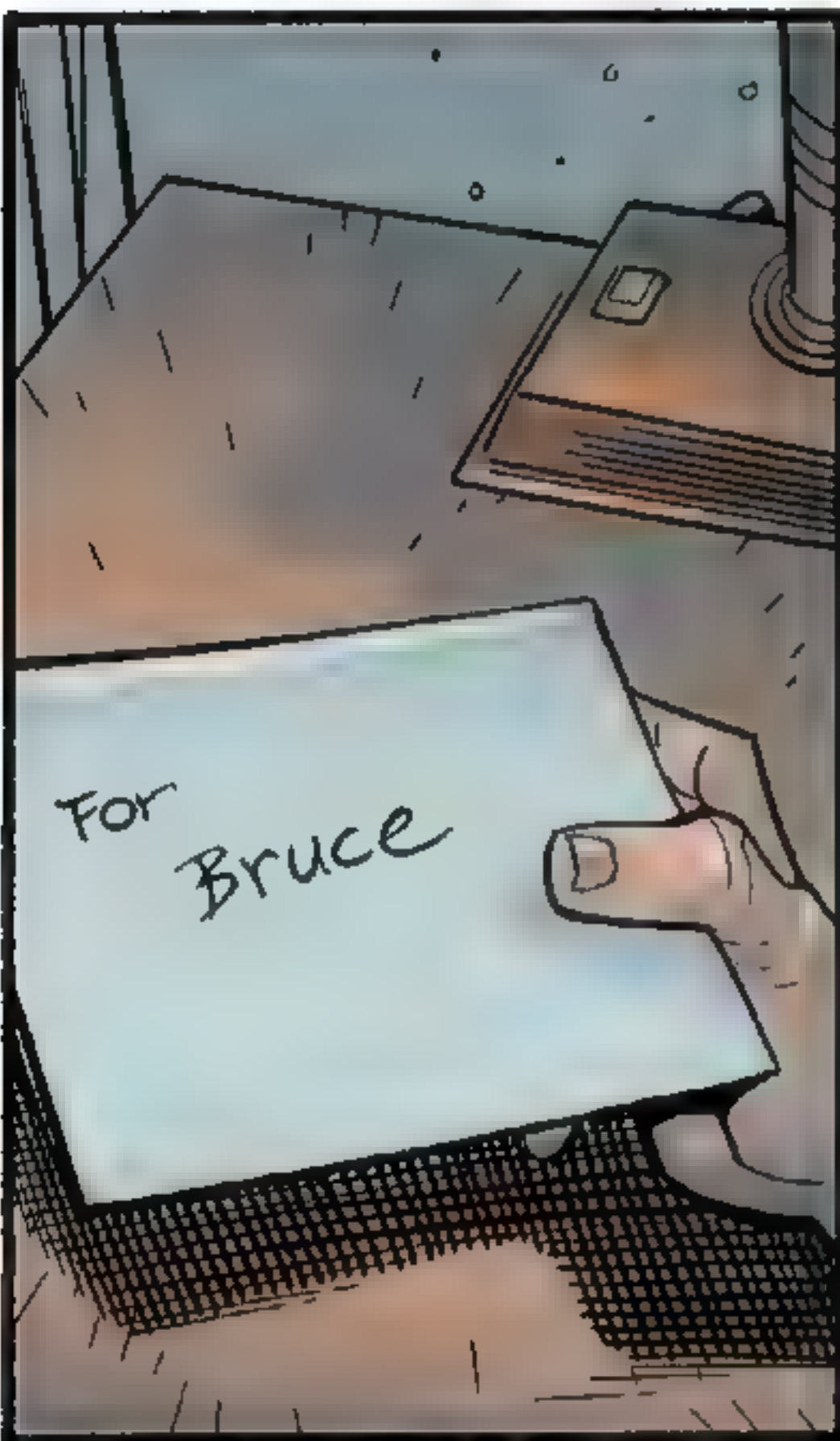
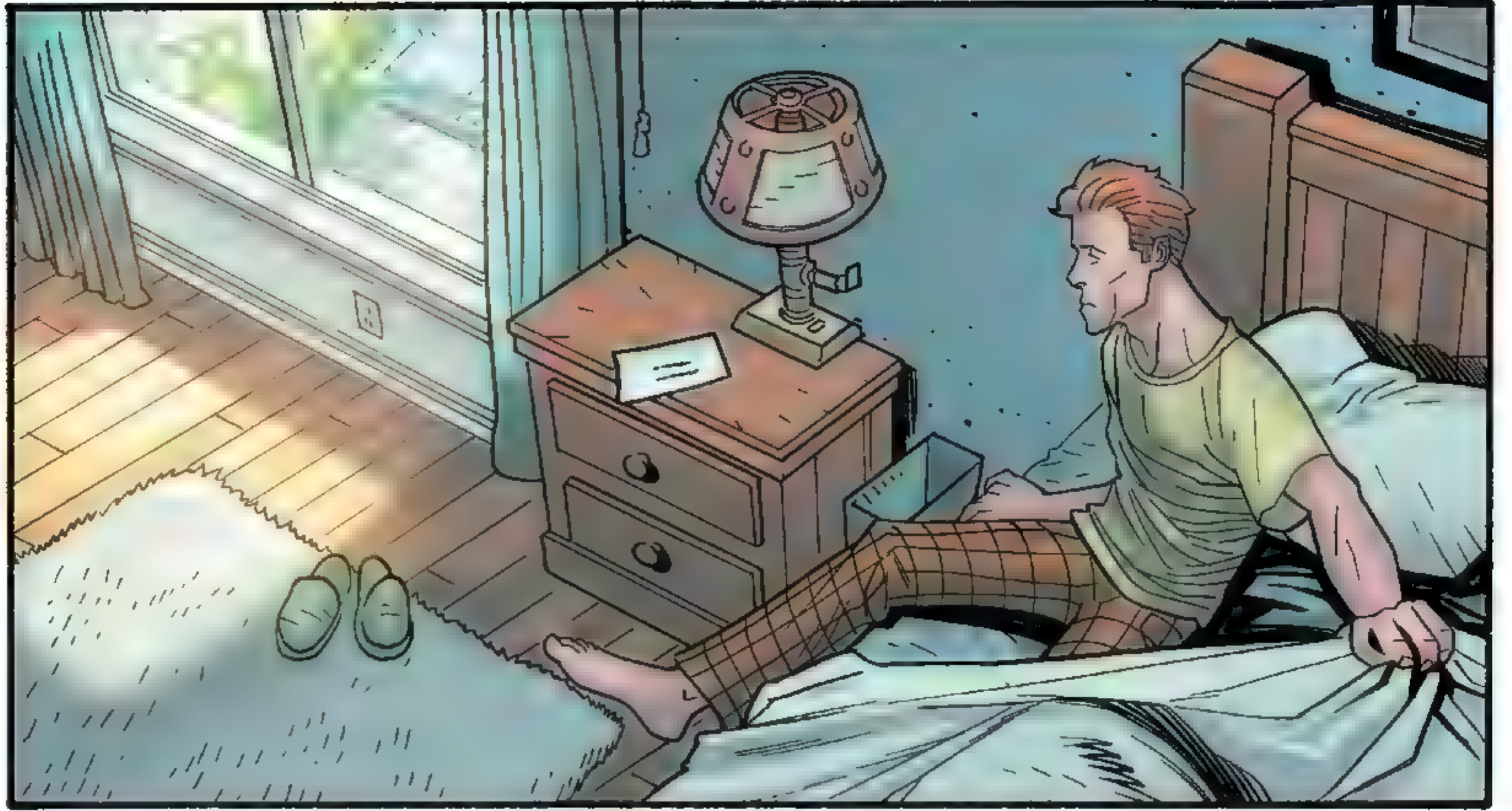
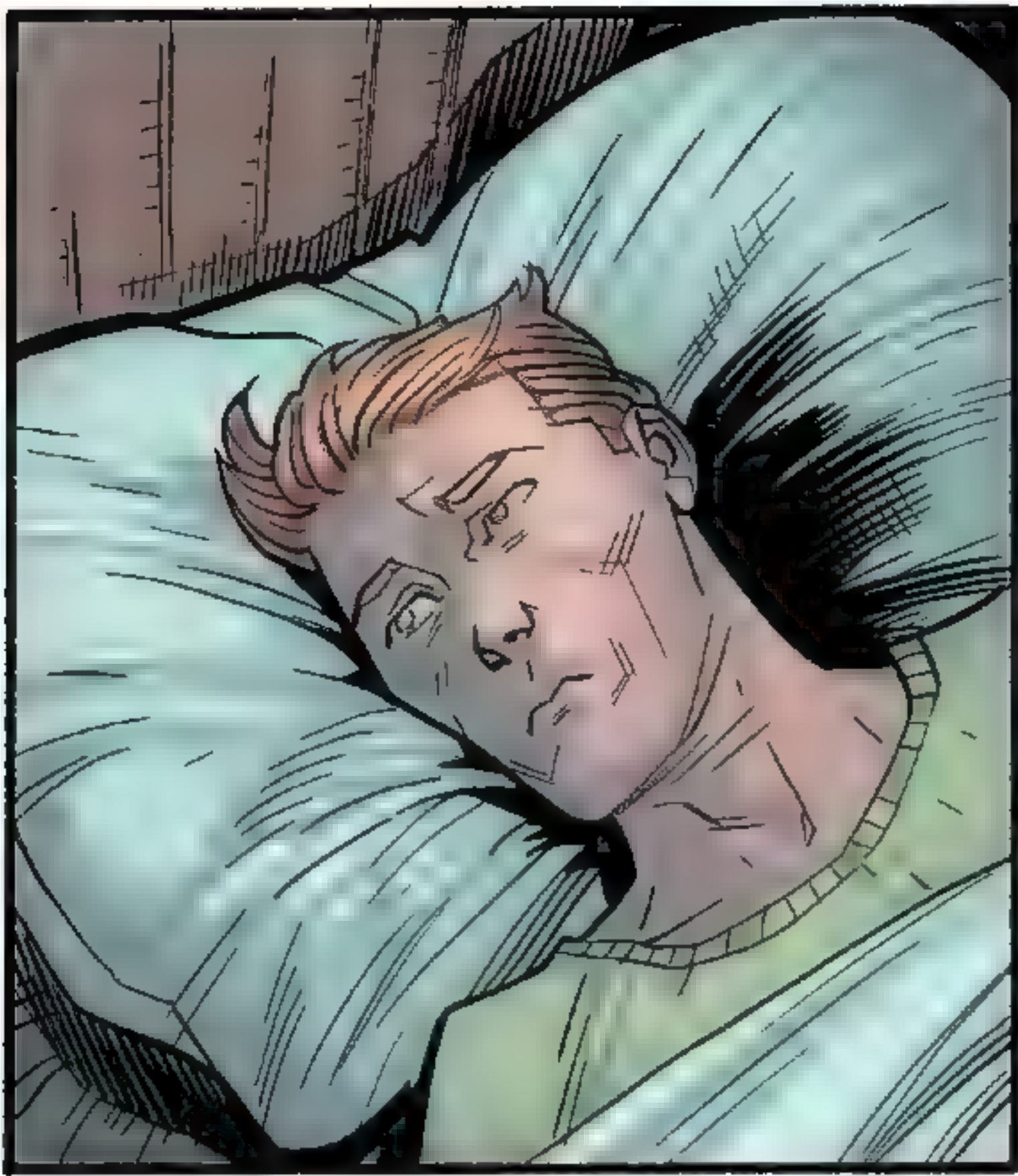
NO!

HULK
WON'T BE
CAGED!

HULK
FREE!

TH
OM

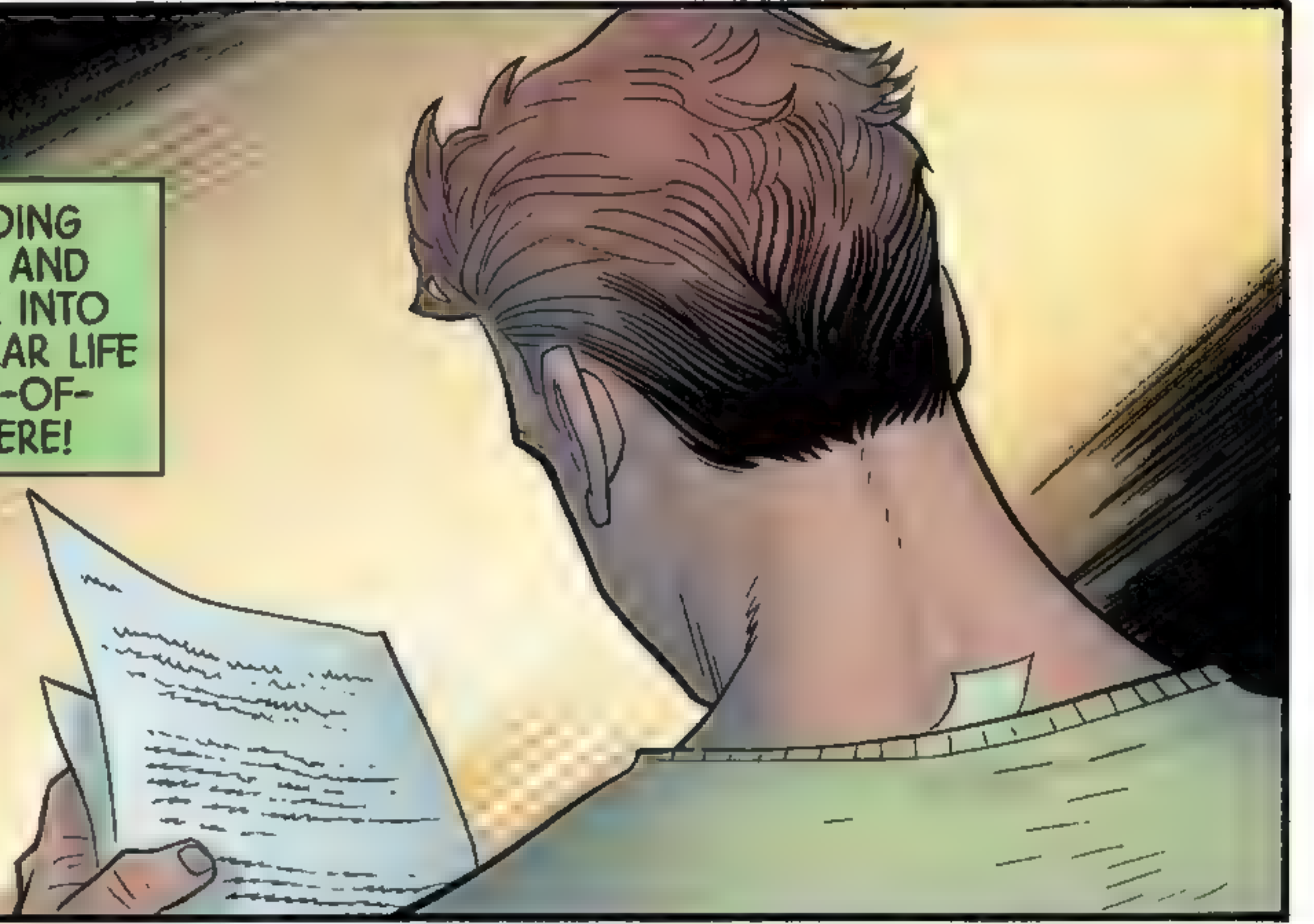




BRUCE, DOC
SAMSON HERE!

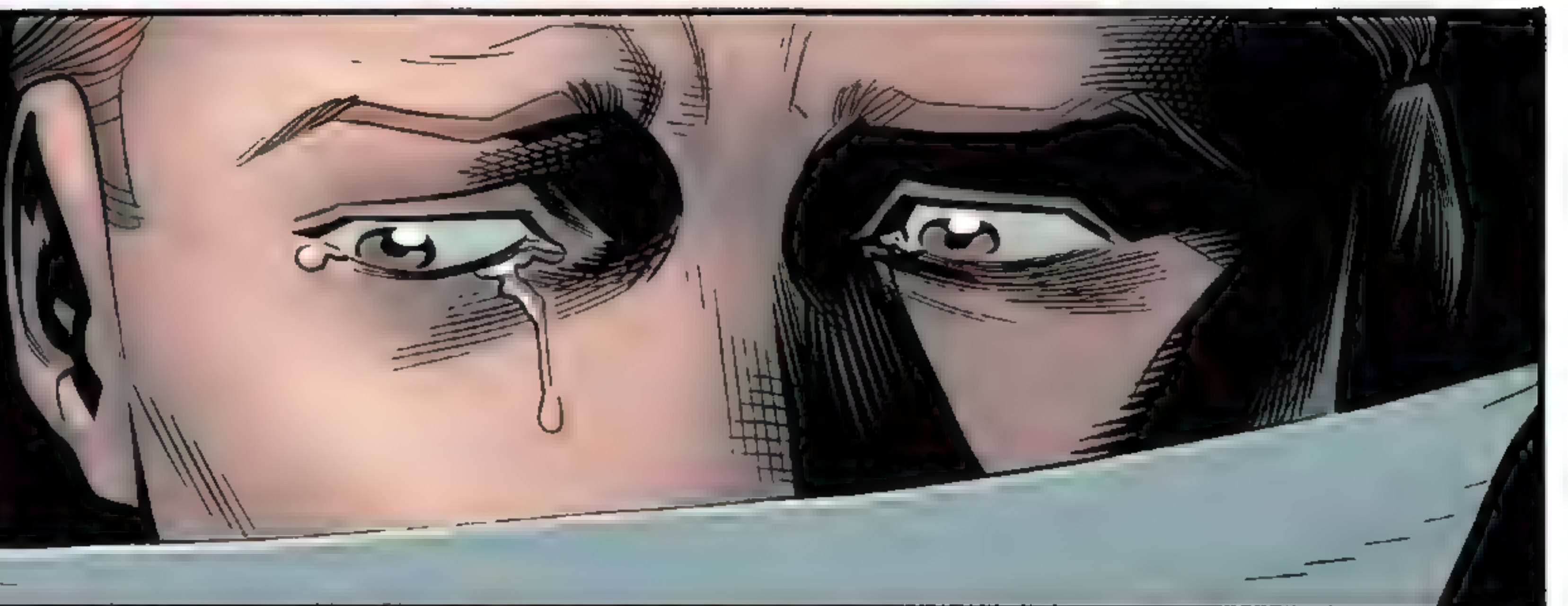
WELL, IF YOU'RE READING
THIS, YOU'RE AWAKE, AND
YOU'RE GETTING BACK INTO
THE SWING OF A REGULAR LIFE
WITH A REGULAR RUN-OF-
THE-MILL HULK IN THERE!

WELCOME BACK TO
EARTH! HOPE YOU
ENJOY THE
HOSPITALITY OF THE
STRANGE ACADEMY
UNTIL YOU FEEL YOU'RE
READY TO LEAVE.



AND LET ME START OFF BY
SAYING...YOU'RE NOT BLAMED
FOR WHAT HAPPENED. DO YOU
UNDERSTAND ME? ON THAT
HULK PLANET OR IN EL PASO.

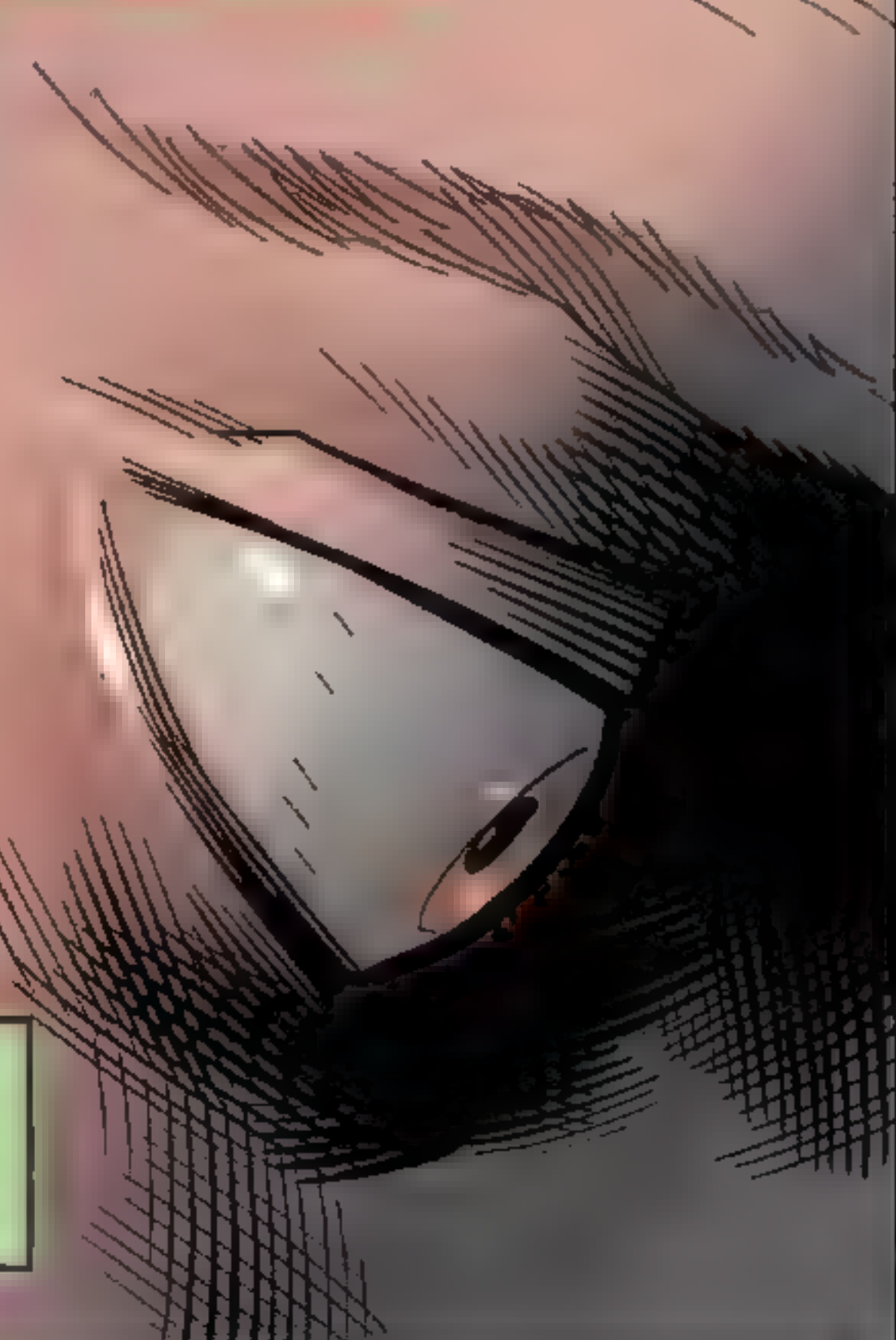
KNOWING YOU, I'M
GUESSING YOU BLAME YOURSELF
AND WANT TO HIDE FROM
ALL THOSE WHO WERE CAUGHT
IN THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION.
BUT IT WASN'T YOU, BRUCE.



DOCTOR STRANGE DID A DEEP ASSESSMENT
ON YOUR MIND, AND IT'S OBVIOUS THAT
WHAT YOU WERE INFECTED WITH GREW TO
THE POINT THAT IT TOOK OVER.

AND YOU...YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO SAVED US
ALL. YOU AND THE BIG
GUY, OF COURSE.

EVERYONE INVOLVED
NOW KNOWS OF YOUR
INNOCENCE AND HEROISM.



AND NO NEED
TO WORRY
ABOUT D'SPAYRE.



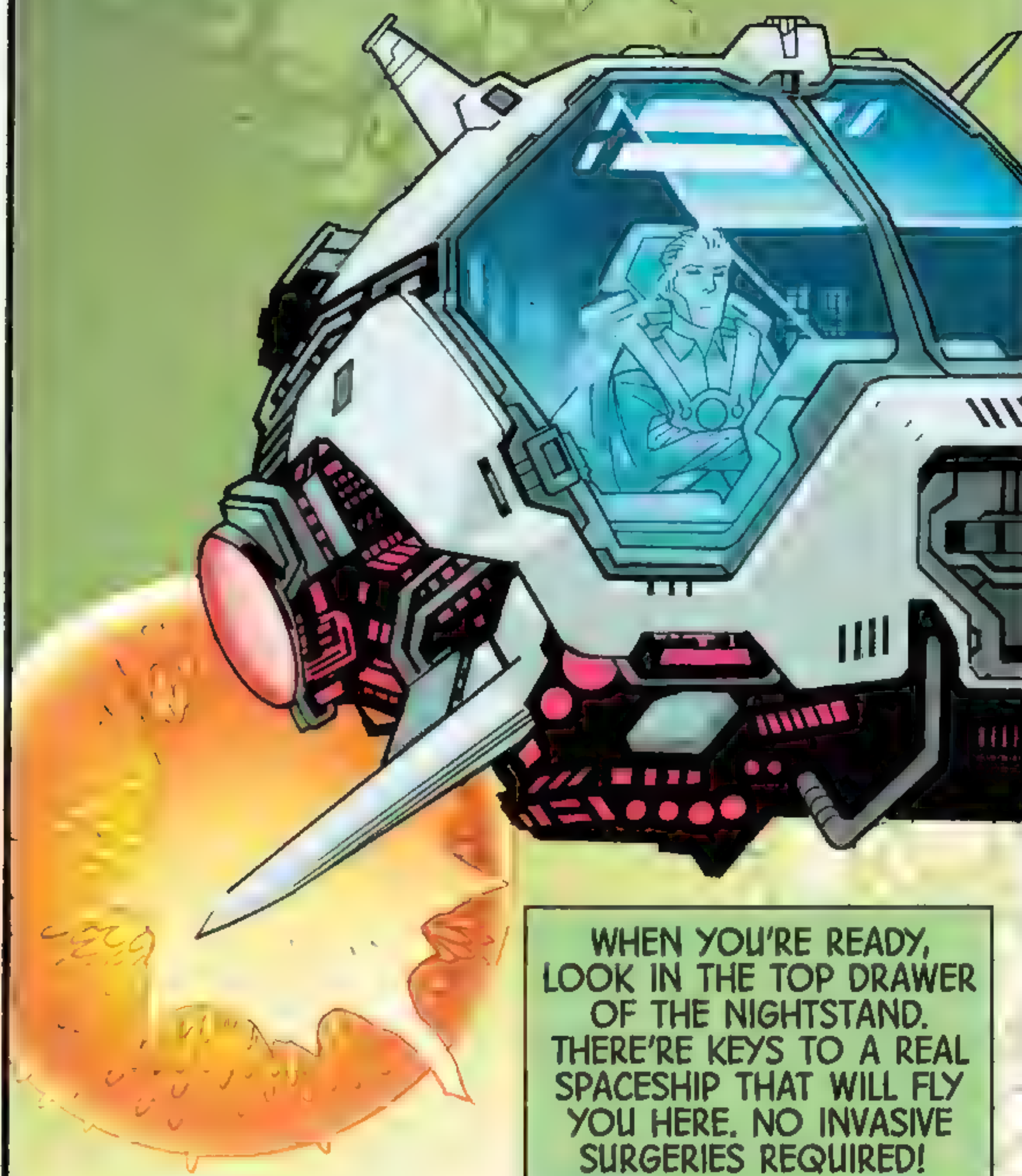
STRANGE ASSURES
ME HE WON'T BE A
PROBLEM ANY FURTHER.

IN OTHER NEWS...
I'M STILL ON THE
HULK PLANET! I
ENDED UP STAYING
TO HELP WITH THE
CLEANUP EFFORTS.



THE LOSSES WERE HIGH,
BUT THEY ARE WORKING
HARD TO BUILD BACK THE
CITY AND GET THEIR
WORLD BACK TO A
SEMBLANCE OF NORMALITY.

MONOLITH WANTS TO MEET
WITH YOU, BRUCE. DON'T
WORRY, SHE WAS BRIEFED ABOUT
THE WHOLE THING--AND
DOCTOR STRANGE REASSURED
HER THAT YOU ARE SAFE.



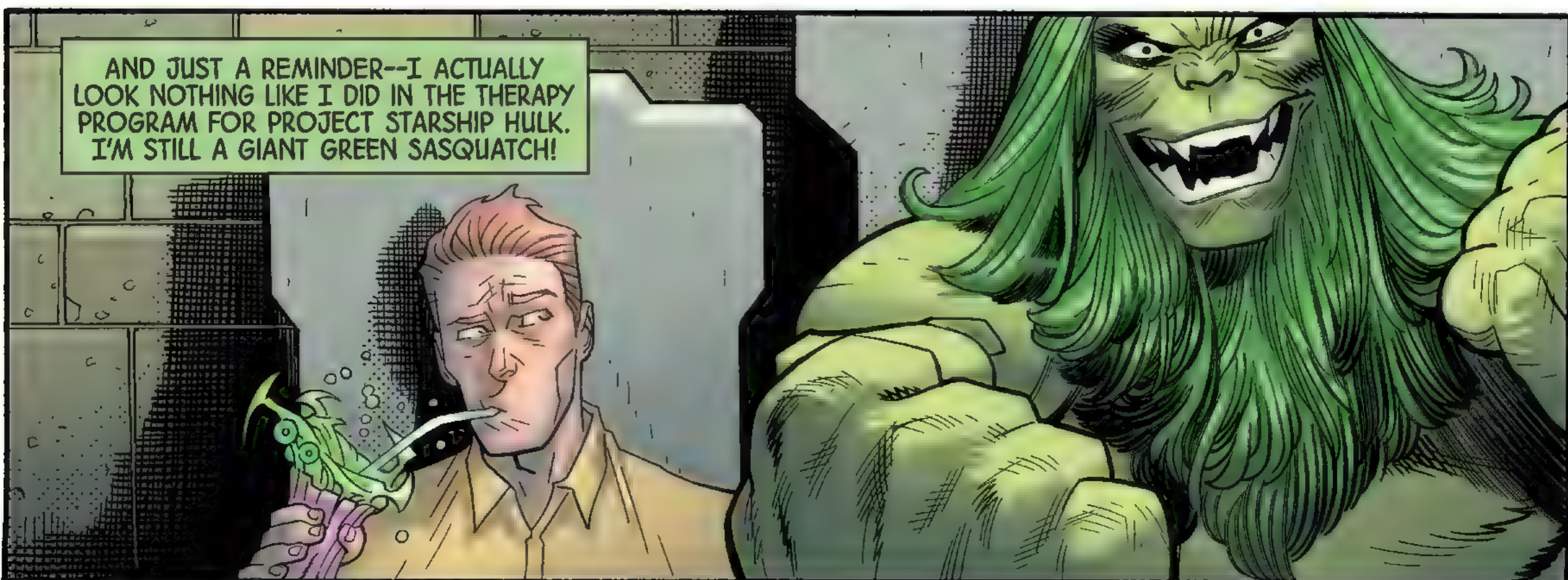
WHEN YOU'RE READY,
LOOK IN THE TOP DRAWER
OF THE NIGHTSTAND.
THERE'RE KEYS TO A REAL
SPACESHIP THAT WILL FLY
YOU HERE. NO INVASIVE
SURGERIES REQUIRED!

SO COME VISIT
HULK PLANET.
THEY ALL WANTED
ME TO INVITE YOU
TO THE OFFICIAL
GODBALL GAMES
STARTING
NEXT WEEK!



THEY SAID YOU WERE
QUITE THE ATHLETE, BUT
HULK SHOULD PROBABLY
SIT ON THE SIDELINES
FOR THIS ONE.

AND JUST A REMINDER--I ACTUALLY
LOOK NOTHING LIKE I DID IN THE THERAPY
PROGRAM FOR PROJECT STARSHIP HULK.
I'M STILL A GIANT GREEN SASQUATCH!



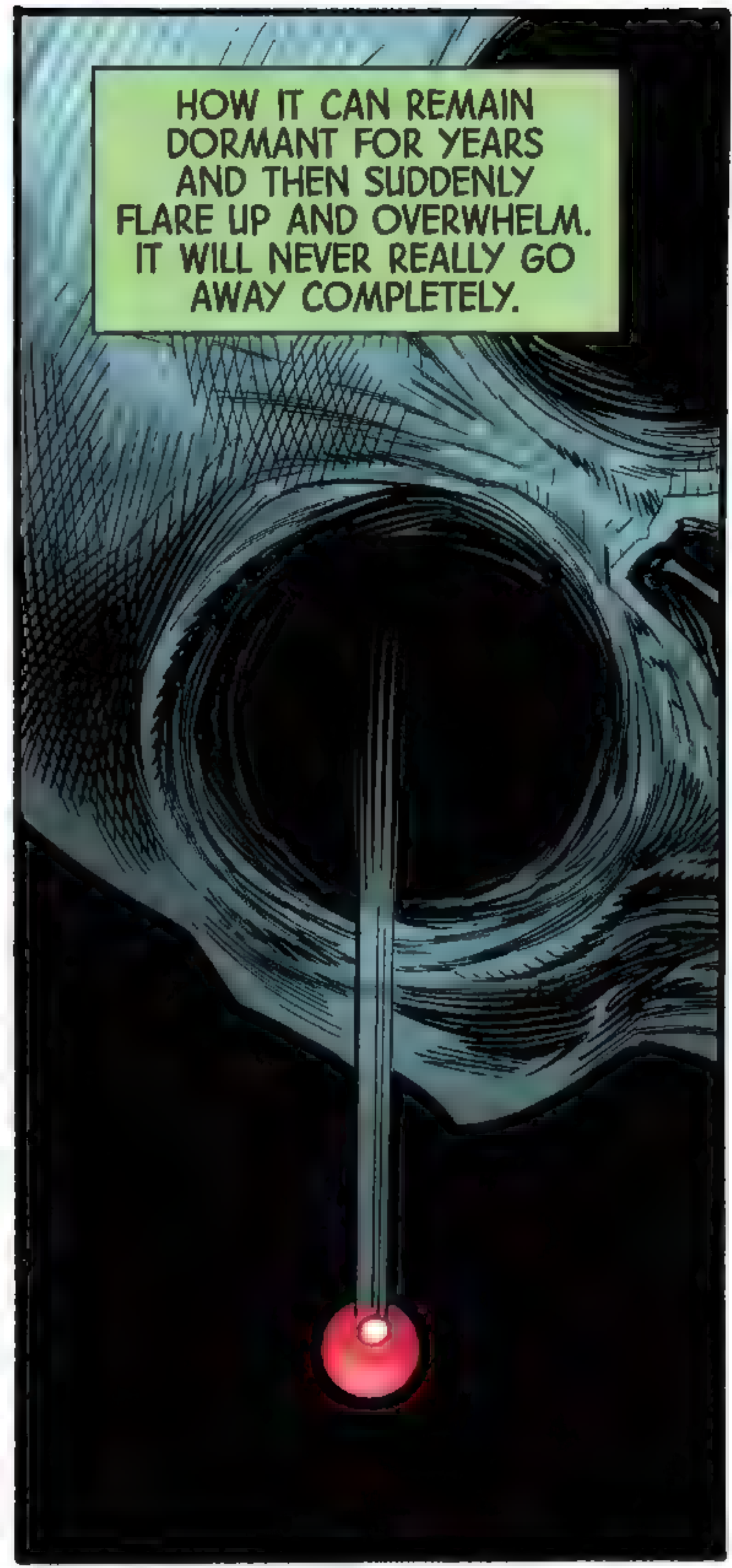


THE TITAN POWER, WHATEVER IT WAS, BONDED TO YOUR TRAUMA CENTERS. IT'S STILL THERE, UNFORTUNATELY. WHILE STEPHEN MADE IT CLEAR YOU'RE SAFE, I STILL WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU REGULARLY.

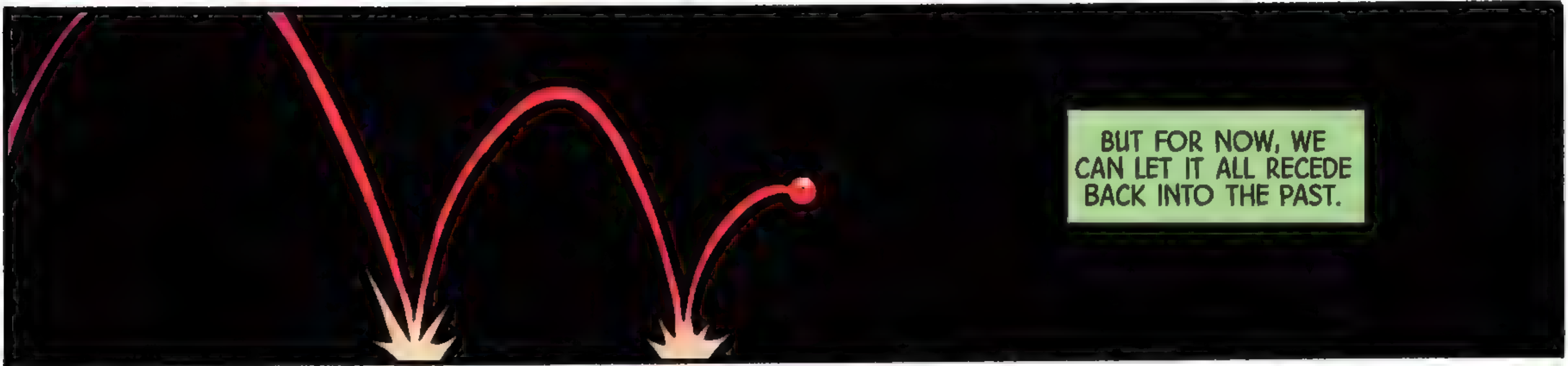
KEEP UP WITH YOUR MEDITATIONS. STAY CALM. KEEP TRIGGERS AT BAY SO SYMPTOMS DON'T COME CREEPING BACK.



I'M NO EXPERT ON POWERFUL BEINGS ATTACHING TO TRAUMA AND TRIGGERING THEM UNTIL THEY CAN POSSESS THE HOST...BUT I AM FAMILIAR WITH BASIC TRAUMA.



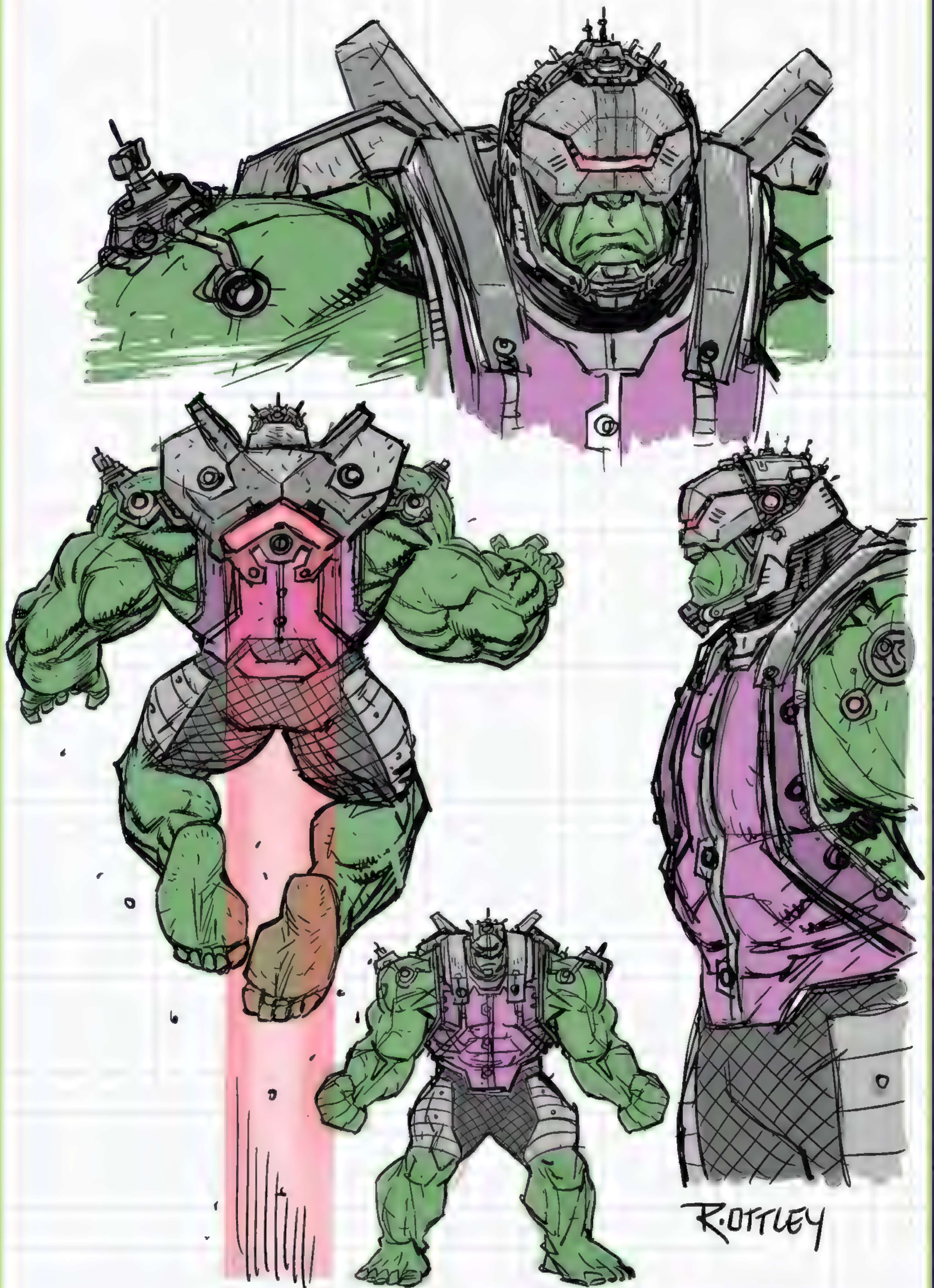
HOW IT CAN REMAIN DORMANT FOR YEARS AND THEN SUDDENLY FLARE UP AND OVERWHELM. IT WILL NEVER REALLY GO AWAY COMPLETELY.



BUT FOR NOW, WE CAN LET IT ALL RECEDE BACK INTO THE PAST.



THE END...?





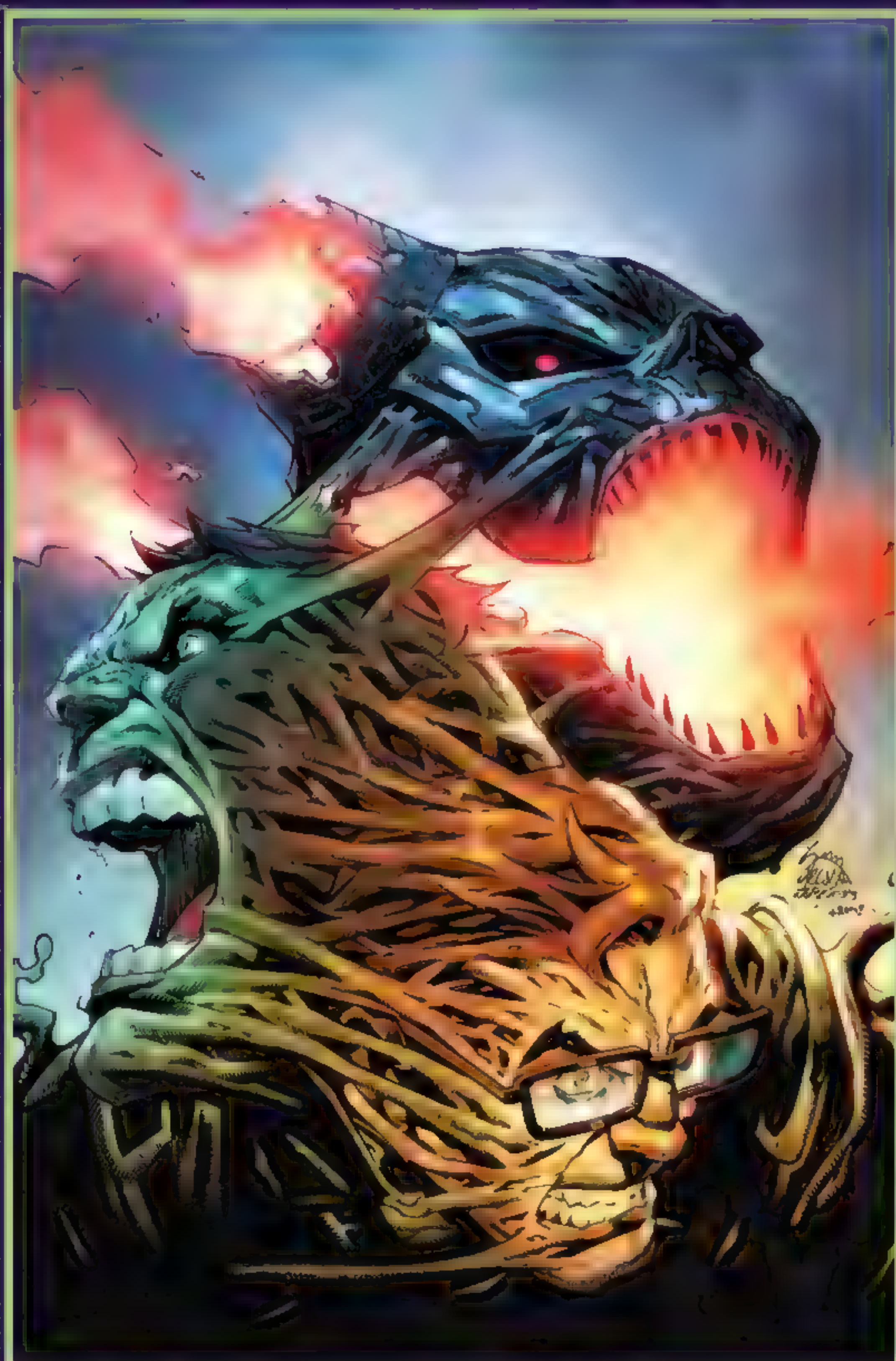
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**HULK #6 VARIANT BY
MARCO MASTRAZZO**



**HULK #6 SPIDER-MAN VARIANT BY
ALEX GARNER**



**HULK #6 VARIANT BY RYAN STEGMAN,
JP MAYER & ROMULO FAJARDO JR.**



**HULK #6 SPOILER VARIANT BY
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HULK

"GREEN GOLIATH"

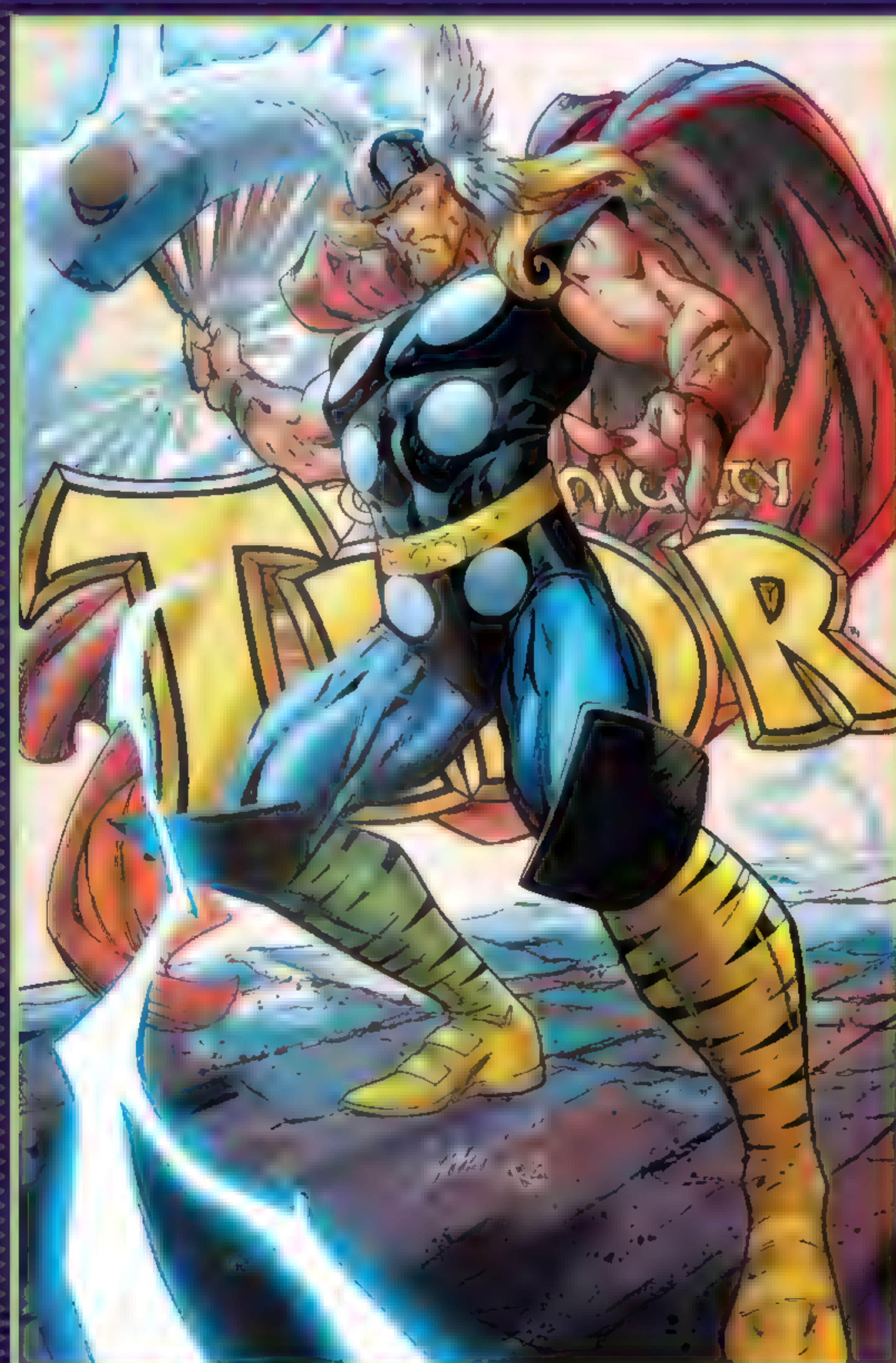
THOR

"GOD OF THUNDER"

**HULK VS. THOR: BANNER OF WAR ALPHA VARIANT BY
MARTÍN CÓCCOLO & MATTHEW WILSON**



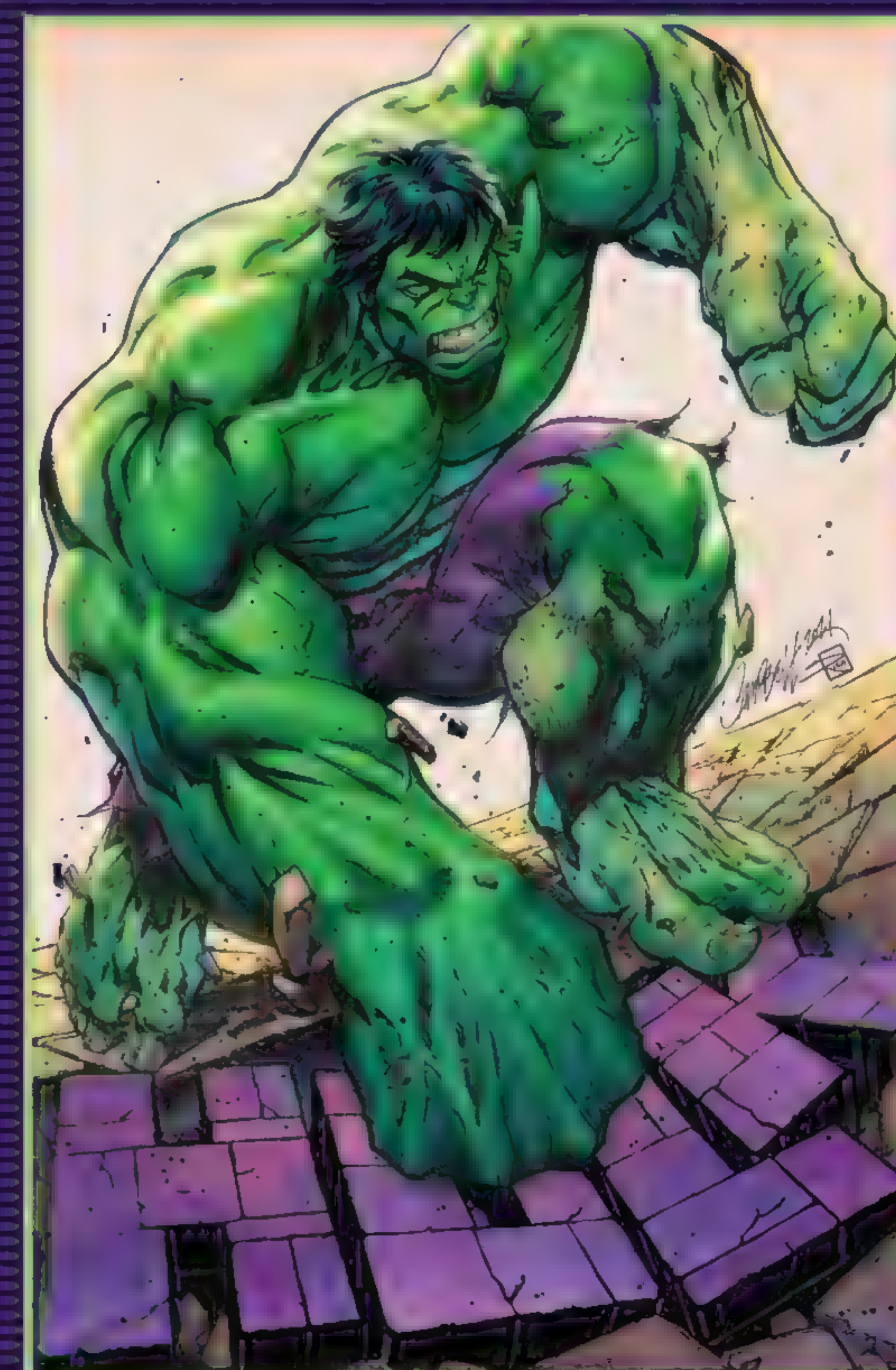
**THOR #25 AND HULK #7 CONNECTING VARIANTS BY
GEOFF SHAW & FEDERICO BLEE**



**THOR #25 VARIANT BY
J. SCOTT CAMPBELL & SABINE RICH**



**THOR #25 RETRO VARIANT BY
J. SCOTT CAMPBELL & SABINE RICH**



**HULK #7 VARIANT BY
J. SCOTT CAMPBELL & SABINE RICH**



**HULK #7 RETRO VARIANT BY
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HULK VS. THOR: BANNER OF WAR ALPHA
HULK SMASH VARIANT BY
TREVOR VON EEDEN & FEDERICO BLEE



HULK VS. THOR: BANNER OF WAR ALPHA
MJOLNIR CRASH VARIANT BY
TREVOR VON EEDEN & FEDERICO BLEE



HULK VS. THOR: BANNER OF WAR ALPHA
VARIANT BY RON LIM & ISRAEL SILVA



**HULK #7 SKRULL VARIANT BY
JUNGGEUN YOON**



**THOR #26 PRIDE VARIANT BY
BETSY COLA**



**HULK #8 HELLFIRE GALA VARIANT BY
RUSSELL DAUTERMAN & MATTHEW WILSON**



HULK #9 VARIANT BY DAN PANOSIAN



**HULK #9 MIRACELMAN VARIANT BY
MAHMUD ASRAR & MATTHEW WILSON**



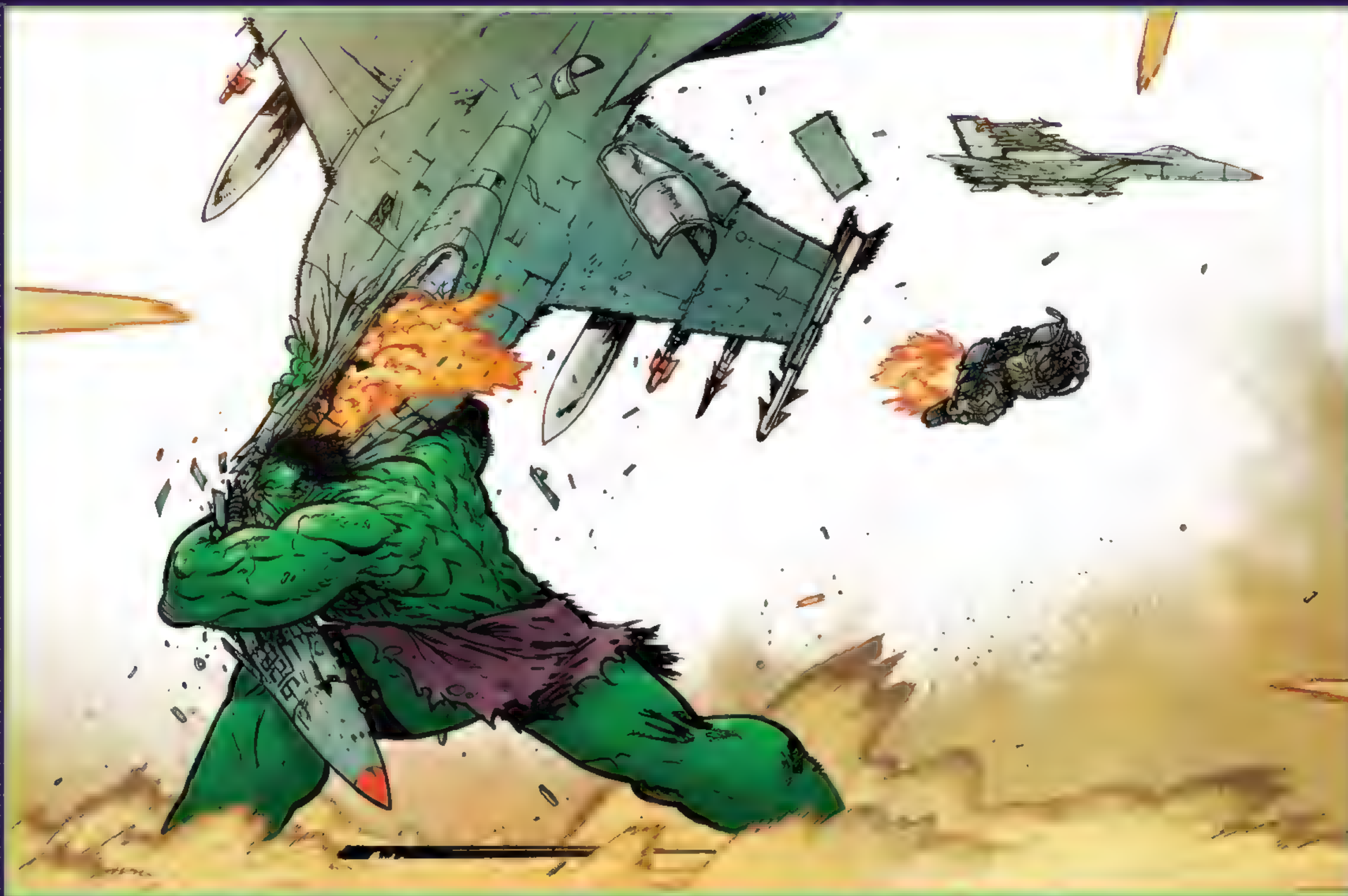
HULK #11 VARIANT BY JUNI BA



**HULK #11 MARVEL ANATOMY VARIANT BY
JONAH LOBE**



**HULK #11 VARIANT BY
NICK BRADSHAW & JIM CHARALAMPIDIS**



HULK #11 VARIANT BY DANIEL WARREN JOHNSON & MIKE SPICER



HULK #12 X-TREME MARVEL VARIANT BY DAN JURGENS



HULK #12 VARIANT BY TRAVEL FOREMAN & BRIAN REBAR



HULK #12 NO-PRIZE VARIANT



HULK #13 CLASSIC HOMAGE VARIANT BY STEVE MCNIVEN & FRANK D'ARMATA



HULK #13 VARIANT BY PEACH MOMOKO



HULK #14 VARIANT BY NIC KLEIN





HULK #13 TIMELESS VARIANT BY
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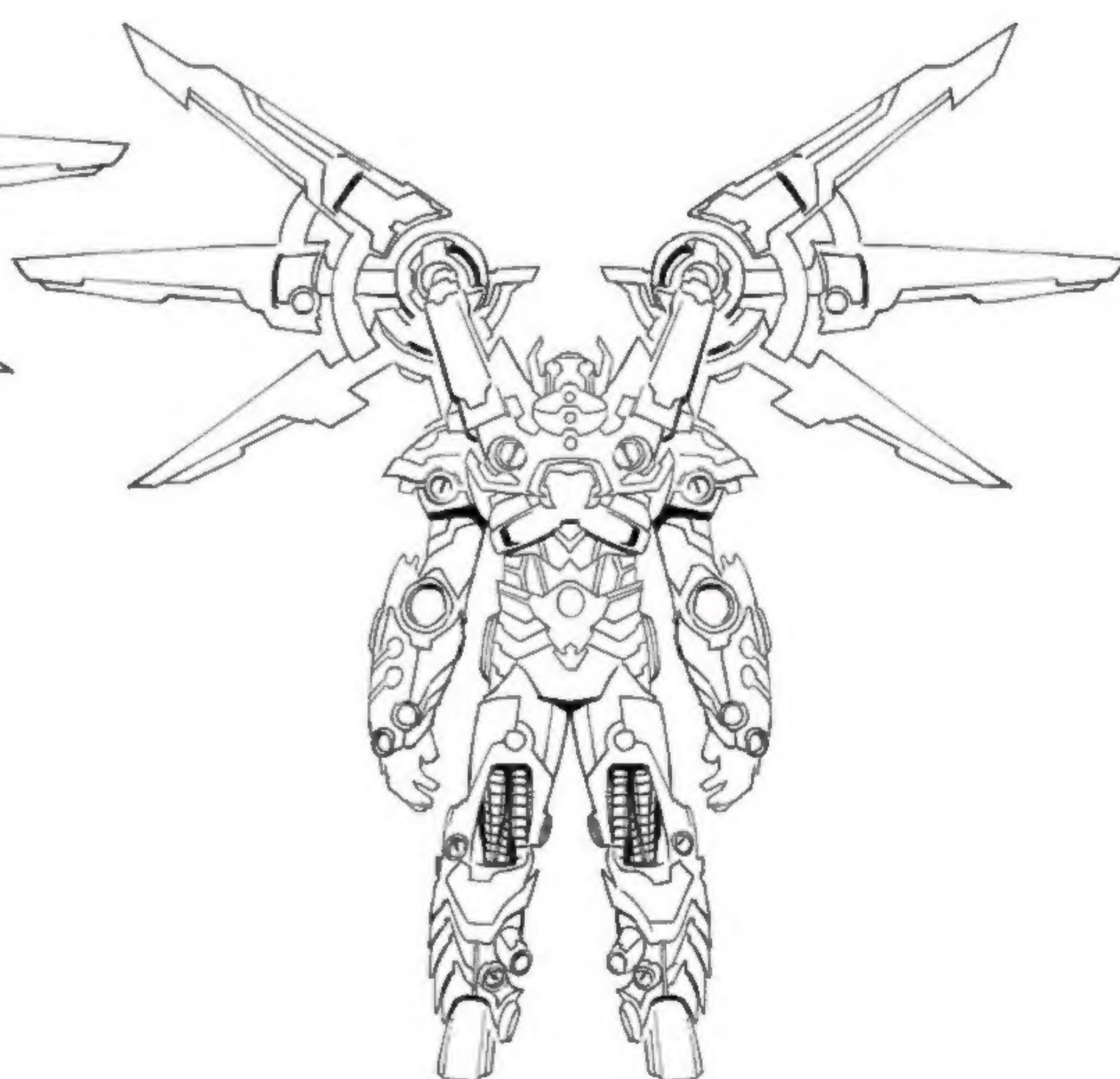
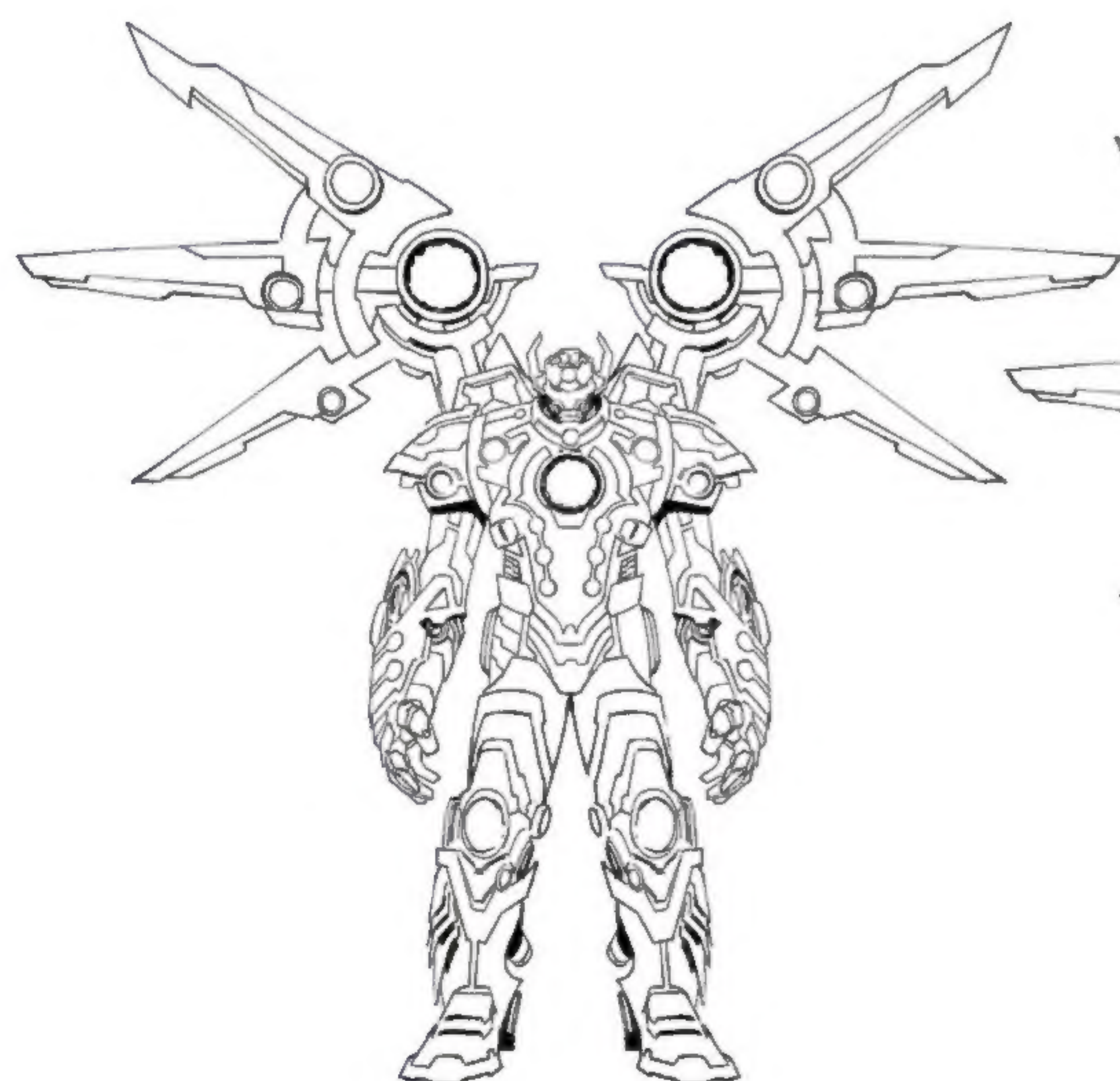
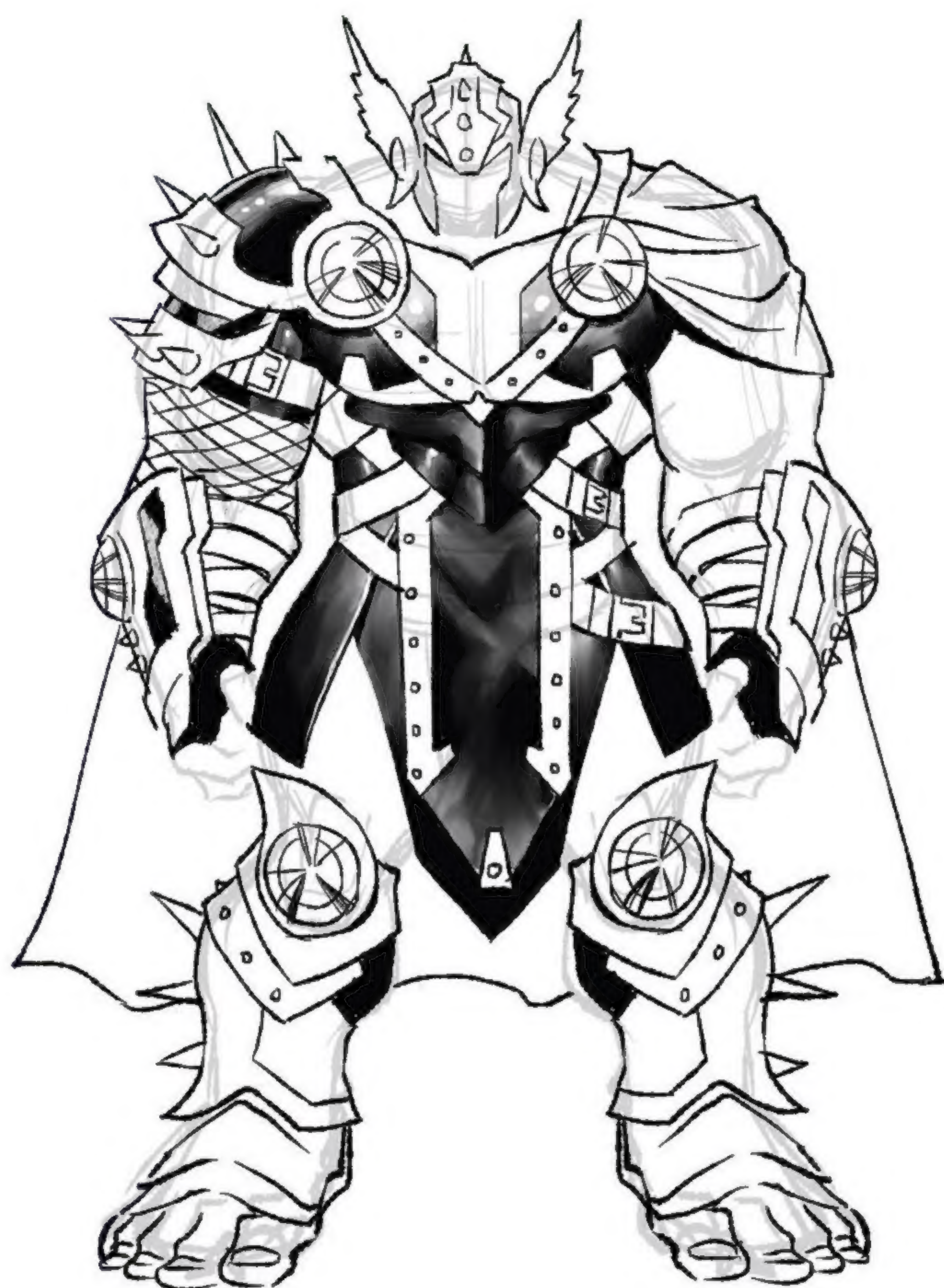
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